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## PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

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I. PREDICATION

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Preparation of this prosecutive summary report was initiated upon receipt of a request dated October 25, 1973, from HENRY E. PETERSEN, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

October 23, 1973

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Henry E. Petersen

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Criminal Division

Wounded Knee Leadership Cases

Please prepare a prosecutive summary of the evidence available to prove the charges against Russell Means, Dennis Banks, Clyde Ballcourt, Stanley Holder, Carter Camp and Leonard Crow Dog (the so-called leadership figures). It would be appreciated if you would furnish a copy of such summary to the Criminal Division and to the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota.

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II. ELEMENTS OF CIR STATUTE



In reference to crimes committed on an Indian Reservation, a crime to be cognizable under the laws of the United States must have been committed by an Indian or against an Indian on an Indian Reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States.

General laws of the United States as to punishment of crimes committed anyplace within the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, except the District of Columbia, shall extend to Indian country except as to crimes which are expressly provided for. These general laws shall not extend to crimes committed by one Indian against the person or the property of another Indian, nor to any Indian committing an offense in Indian country who has been punished by the local law of the tribe or to any case the exclusive jurisdiction over which has been secured to Indian tribes by Treaty stipulations.

On October 16, 1973, STANLEY D. LYMAN, Superintendent, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, advised that Pine Ridge, South Dakota, is the headquarters of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Pine Ridge Indian Agency is located within the established boundary of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He advised that most of the land within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is owned by the United States Government, either outright or intrusted for the Oglala Sioux Tribe or individual Indians.

On March 8, 1973, Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that the area known as Wounded Knee, South Dakota, is located within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which is Federally owned property.

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On August 29, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pine Ridge Agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised from records that RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS was born on November 10, 1939, at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He is listed as fifteen thirty-seconds Oglala Sioux and has Enrollment Number U-16542

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III. BACKGROUND AND NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE



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During the weekend of January 13 - 14, 1973, a unity conference was held between Mexican-American and American Indians at Scottsbluff, Nebraska. In the early morning hours of January 14, 1973, Scottsbluff police officers responded to disturbance complaints at a Scottsbluff motel and this resulted in the arrest of RUSSELL MEANS and [REDACTED]. After being placed in the Scottsbluff cell, MEANS was observed to have a weapon in his pocket, which police officers had not searched at the time of his arrest.

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On January 15, 1973, Chicanos and Indians protested the arrest of MEANS at the Scottsbluff Police Department and later that evening the Junior High School was firebombed causing minor damage. Shortly after the firebombing, a vehicle was stopped and two persons were arrested for possession of destructive device, materials for making a Molotov cocktail. Later that evening, reports were received that AIM and Chicanos were making firebombs in the Guadeloupe Center on East Eighth Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It was learned that [REDACTED]

JOHN ARBUCKLE, well known Nebraska AIM leader, and several other Indians, had purchased gasoline in a five-gallon can in Alliance, Nebraska. The vehicle in which they were riding was stopped by Scottsbluff County sheriff's officers and officers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Observed in the vehicle were a five-gallon gasoline can, plastic containers and torn rags. Also seen was a small pistol. All five persons in the vehicle were arrested and charged on a local level with carrying concealed weapons and possession of destructive devices.

On January 17, 1973, following a preliminary hearing for the five individuals arrested, officials of the Community Action Agency telephonically called police complaining that Indians were causing trouble at the agency office. Police responded, however, the individuals refused to leave and sheriff's deputies and police proceeded to remove these individuals from the office. According to officials, resistance ensued and several arrests were made.

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The above information at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was furnished by Police Chief JAMES A. TEAL, JR., Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

The Albuquerque Division of the FBI advised that on January 28, 1973, six male Indians took over the Public Health Service Indian Hospital, Gallup, New Mexico. The Indians were armed with rifles and claimed to have explosives and threatened to demolish the hospital. Subjects made demands of the hospital administration concerning medical care for the Indians and stated that they were occupying the hospital on behalf of AIM. After discussions with an FBI Agent and the District Attorney, all six individuals surrendered and were taken into custody. Indictments were returned by the County Grand Jury on February 2, 1973, on nine counts, including aggravated assault, criminal trespass and unlawful use of public property.

On January 24, 1973, JOHN MANKE, Sheriff, Fall River County Hot Springs, South Dakota, advised that DENNIS BANKS and RON PETITE appeared at his office inquiring concerning the stabbing of WESLEY BAD HEART BULL on January 21, 1973. BANKS complained that there was not enough police protection for Indians.

On January 29, 1973, BANKS appeared on Rapid City television angrily accusing the States of Nebraska and South Dakota of being racist. He established February 6, 1973, as a "National Day of Indian Rights" and called for all tribal Indians to convene at Custer, South Dakota, for what he described to be "their finest hour."

On February 1, 1973, the "Omaha World Herald," an Omaha, Nebraska, daily newspaper, reported that RUSSELL MEANS spoke to a group of 50 Indians at a meeting Wednesday night, January 31, 1973, at which time he called for Indians to join an AIM protest caravan to Custer, South Dakota, where he expected 1,000 Indians to gather in front of the Custer Court House, Tuesday, February 6, 1973, to protest the charge of manslaughter against a white man accused of fatally stabbing an Indian.

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On January 5, 1973, the "Rapid City Journal," a daily Rapid City, South Dakota, newspaper quoted RON PETITE, former Executive Director of the Sioux Indian Emergency Care and Rehabilitation Center, Rapid City, as saying he requested that AIM come to Rapid City to "chain up the doors of big business enterprises, Federal agencies and state and local community service agencies."

The Minneapolis Division of the FBI advised as follows:

On February 6, 1973, a caravan of 27 cars loaded with Indians left Rapid City, South Dakota, and proceeded to Custer, South Dakota. DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS and two other Indians entered the Court House and met with the state's attorneys for Custer and Fall River County. After about seven minutes of argument, MEANS left the room and was reported by local officers to call on Indians to break into the Court House and burn it. They surged into the Court House and fought with local police officers. When fighting started, BANKS produced a club and beat on desks and furniture. Two Custer sheriff's patrol cars parked in front of the Court House were destroyed by the crowd. Members of the crowd poured gasoline onto the hallway of the Court House and ignited a fire causing extensive damage to the lower floor. A fire was set at an unoccupied Chamber of Commerce building across the street, which burned to the ground. Local and state police in Custer arrested 24 individuals, including RUSSELL MEANS, on charges of arson, riot and assault.

On February 27, 1973, approximately 200 American Indian Movement (AIM) members and supporters assembled in Calico Hall, Calico, South Dakota, and were addressed by RUSSELL MEANS and CLYDE BELLECOURT. Approximately 50 activists armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols, clubs, and knives were present.

Following this meeting, a motor caravan was formed and traveled from Calico, South Dakota, to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, both towns being located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

During the evening of February 27, 1973, under the primary leadership of RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, CARTER CAMP, CLYDE BELLECOURT, PEDRO BISSONETTE, STANLEY HOLDER, and LEONARD CROW DOG, approximately 200 Indians (160 adult males and 40 women and children) seized a church and the Wounded Knee Trading Post in the town of Wounded Knee. During the evening and on the following day, 11 white hostages, including a Roman Catholic priest, were also seized. It is noted that these hostages were later permitted the option of leaving Wounded Knee if they so desired. The Indians burned bridges on the two roads entering the town, established roadblocks, built bunkers, and assigned armed guards to various positions and patrols to secure and maintain their possession of the town as well as to impede Federal officers in the performance of their official duties.

In the ensuing days, the Indians and Federal law enforcement officers engaged in a number of fire fights and individual actions in which one Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent and one United States Marshal were wounded and one FBI Special Agent assaulted. In addition, several police and fire vehicles were damaged by rifle fire.

In furtherance of the occupation of Wounded Knee, homes and house trailers were seized by the Indians and used for shelter and feeding and for the organization of security patrols. The Wounded Knee Trading Post and adjacent museum were looted, as were private homes in the area. The

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Trading Post was ultimately destroyed by fire and several homes, trucks, and automobiles belonging to local residents were likewise set afire and destroyed by the Indians.

Negotiations between the Indians and representatives of the United States Government were instituted shortly after the initial takeover of Wounded Knee. On May 8, 1973, after 70 days, a disarmament agreement was implemented and the occupation of Wounded Knee came to an end.

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IV. INFORMATION RELATING TO PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION



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On March 20, 1973, a 9 count indictment was filed in the District of South Dakota, Western Division, (CR 73-5035), charging RUSSELL MEANS with violations involving Burglary, Larceny, Impeding Federal Officers During Civil Disorder, Conspiracy, Assaulting Federal Officer, and Possession of Unregistered Firearms. On April 10, 1973, a supplemental indictment was filed in the District of South Dakota, Western Division, (CR 73-5063), charging MEANS with 2 additional counts of Assaulting a Federal Officer.

Bench warrants issued in reference to the above charges were subsequently executed and bond recommended was set at \$50,000.00 (surety), returnable Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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V. COPIES OF INDICTMENTS



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WESTERN DIVISION

FILED

March 20, 1973

William J. Sratka, CL  
By Marguerite E. Casanova  
Deputy

CR 73 - 5035

United States of America,

Plaintiff

vs.

Russell Means

Defendant

INDICTMENT

(18 U.S.C. §1153 & S.D.C.L.  
§22-32-9

18 U.S.C. §1153 & §661

18 U.S.C. §231(a)(3)

18 U.S.C. §111 & §1114

18 U.S.C. §371

26 U.S.C. §5861(d) & §5871

Burglary, Larceny,  
Impeding Federal Officers  
During Civil Disorder, Con-  
spiracy, Assaulting Fed.  
Officer & Possession of Un-  
registered firearms

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT I

On or about February 27, 1973, at Wounded Knee, in Indian country, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, an Indian, did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully break and enter into the Wounded Knee Trading Post, a building where property was kept, with intent to commit a larceny, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and S.D.C.L. §22-32-9.

COUNT II

On or about February 27, 1973, at Wounded Knee, in Indian country, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, an Indian, did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully take and carry away, with intent to steal and purloin firearms, ammunition, food and other items, the personal property of another, to-wit: the Wounded Knee Trading Post, of a value of more than \$100, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and §661.

COUNT III

On or about the 8th day of March, 1973, near Wounded Knee, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully and by means and use of a dangerous weapon, that is a gun, did forcibly assault Joanne Pierce, a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, while the said officer was engaged in the performance of her official duties, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §111 and §1114.

COUNT IV

On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, at Wounded Knee in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, did wilfully knowingly and unlawfully commit an act to obstruct, impede and interfere with U. S. Marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were then engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which civil disorder obstructed, delayed and adversely affected commerce and the conduct of a federally protected function, in that said defendant did prepare and locate trenches and bunkers at Wounded Knee, which were manned by persons armed with guns, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §231(a) (3)

COUNT V

On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully commit an act to obstruct, impede and interfere with U. S. Marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who were then engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which civil disorder obstructed, delayed and adversely affected commerce and the conduct of a federally protected function, in that said defendant did block a road leading into the community of Wounded Knee by placing vehicles across said road to form a roadblock, and did station persons armed with guns at said roadblocks, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §231(a)(3).

COUNT VI

On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, at Wounded Knee, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, an Indian, did wilfully, knowingly, unlawfully and maliciously, set fire to and burn motor vehicles belonging to the Wounded Knee Trading Post, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and 18 U.S.C. §81.

COUNT VII

That on or about the 6th day of March, 1973, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully possess firearms, that is destructive devices commonly known as Molotov Cocktails, which devices had not been registered under the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record as required by Chapter 53, Title 26, United States Code; in violation of §5861(d) and §5871, United States Code.

COUNT VIII

On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, in Indian country, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means, an Indian, did wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully take and carry away with intent to steal and purloin, a 1970 Dodge automobile, South Dakota license No. 65-1886, the property of another, to-wit: Cleve Gildersleeve, of a value of more than \$100, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and §661.

COUNT IX

1. Beginning on or about February 28, 1973, and continuing up to the date of the return of this indictment in the State and District of South Dakota and elsewhere, Russell Means an Indian, and defendant herein, wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully did combine, conspire, confederate and agree with Dennis Banks, Clyde Bellecourt, Pedro Bissonette and Carter Camp, Indians, being coconspirators not named as defendants herein, and with other persons unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States, that is:

a. To break and enter themselves, and in the company of other Indians, the Wounded Knee Trading Post, a building where property is kept, with intent to steal and purloin the property of another, that is property owned by the Wounded Knee Trading Post located within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation within Indian country; in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and S.D.C.L. §22-32-9;

b. To take and carry away themselves, and in the company of other Indians, with intent to steal and purloin, guns, ammunition, foodstuffs and other things to the Grand Jury unknown, personal property of another of a value in excess of \$100, that is to say, property owned by the Wounded Knee Trading Post located within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and within Indian country, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and §661.

c. To take and carry away themselves, and in the company of other Indians, with intent to steal and purloin, automobiles and personal property of another of a value in excess of \$100, that is to say, property owned by Indian and non-Indian residents of Wounded Knee located within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and within Indian country; in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153.

d. To commit and attempt to commit acts to obstruct, impede and interfere with firemen, United States Marshals, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Indian Affairs policemen then lawfully engaged in the performance of their official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which civil disorder delayed, obstructed and adversely affected the conduct and performance of federally protected functions and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce; in violation of 18 U.S.C. §231(a)(3);

e. To wilfully and by means and use of dangerous weapons, that is rifles, shotguns and handguns, forcibly assault, resist, oppose, intimidate and interfere with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Marshals engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties; in violation of 18 U.S.C. §111 and §1114;



2. It was a part of the conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators, in order to attract public attention to claimed grievances and demands and to seek to obtain concessions from the United States and officers and employees thereof with respect to said grievances and demands, would forcibly take possession of and occupy the Wounded Knee Trading Post in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

3. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators would unlawfully obtain and cause to be obtained, firearms, ammunition, foodstuffs, automobiles and other things to the Grand Jury unknown, for use in forcibly preventing agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Marshals and other law enforcement officers from freely entering the town of Wounded Knee to carry out their official law enforcement duties and functions.

4. It was a part of said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators would seize and cause to be seized the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, to be used for eating and sleeping during the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

5. It was a further part of the said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators would seize and cause to be seized homes and house-trailers in the town of Wounded Knee to be used for shelter and eating and for organizing security patrols during the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

6. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators would select and cause to be selected, persons designated as "guards" and did cause such persons to patrol the area surrounding Wounded Knee, South Dakota, for the purpose of resisting and obstructing law enforcement

officers from gaining access to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

7. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators did place and cause to be placed, automobiles on the roads leading to and from Wounded Knee, South Dakota, for the purpose of obstructing and impeding law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

8. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendant and his coconspirators did dig and cause to be dug trenches and bunkers which could be used for the purpose of directing gun fire at law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in the performance of their official duties.

#### OVERT ACTS

At the times hereinafter, the defendant and/or his coconspirators committed the following overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof:

1. On or about the 27th day of February, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Russell Means drove in a caravan of motor vehicles from Calico, South Dakota, to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

2. On or about the 27th day of February, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Pedro Bissonette drove in a caravan of motor vehicles from Calico, South Dakota, to Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

3. On or about the 27th day of February, 1973; in the State and District of South Dakota, Russell Means and Pedro Bissonette, and others whose names to the Grand Jury are unknown, prepared a list of demands of the coconspirators to be delivered to officers and employees of the United States.



4. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Pedro Bissonette met with Joseph H. Trimbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

5. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Carter Camp met with Joseph H. Trimbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

6. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Russell Means delivered to Joseph H. Trimbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, a list of persons being held by defendant and his coconspirators.

7. On or about the 1st day of March, 1973, in the State and District of South Dakota, Russell Means had a conversation with Joseph H. Trimbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

8. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, Russell Means, Carter Camp, Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and Pedro Bissonette constructed and caused to be constructed trenches in and around Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

9. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, Russell Means, Carter Camp, Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and Pedro Bissonette, seized and caused to be seized the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

10. On or about the 28th day of February, 1973, Russell Means, Carter Camp, Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and Pedro Bissonette, broke and entered and caused to be broken and entered, the Wounded Knee Trading Post in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

A TRUE BILL:

WILLIAM F. CLAYTON  
William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney

W. J. HEIMERMAN  
Wilbur J. Heimerman,  
Foreman

United States of America,

Plaintiff

CR 72-5063

vs.

Russell Means,

Defendant

(18 U.S.C. §111 &amp; §112)

Assaulting Federal Officer

The Grand Jury Charges:

## COUNT I

on or about the 11th day of March, 1971, near Sisseton, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully and by means and use of a dangerous and deadly weapon, that is a gun, did unlawfully assault and wound Curtis Fitzgerald, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while said officer was engaged in the performance and on the account of the performance of his official duties at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the District of South Dakota, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §111 and §112.

IN COURT II

On or about the 26th day of March, 1973, near Wounded Knee, in the District of South Dakota, Russell Means wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully and by means and use of a dangerous and deadly weapon, that is, a gun, did forcibly assault and wound Lloyd H. Gorman, United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska, while said officer was engaged in the performance and on the account of the performance of his official duties at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the District of South Dakota, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1111 and 1112.

A TRUE BILL:

WILLIAM F. CLAFFIN

Attorney

WILLIAM F. CLAFFIN  
United States Attorney

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VI. WITNESSES

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Information pertaining to the following witnesses was, unless otherwise noted, obtained from various cases under current investigation. These cases are listed below:

Title	CARTER AUGUSTUS CAMP
Character	Crime on an Indian Reservation - Burglary; Larceny and Arson; Anti-Riot Laws - Impeding Federal Officers; Assaulting Federal Officers; Assault with a Dangerous Weapon; Unlawful Possession of Firearms

Bureau file (70-58411)

Minneapolis file (70-6869)

Title	DENNIS JAMES BANKS
Character	Crime on an Indian Reservation - Burglary, Larceny and Arson; Anti-Riot Laws - Impeding Federal Officers; Assaulting Federal Officers; Conspiracy; Obstruction of Motor Vehicle involved in Interstate Commerce; Unlawful Possession of Firearms

Bureau file (176-2403)

Minneapolis file (70-6864)



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Title CLYDE HOWARD BELLECOURT  
Character Crime on an Indian Reservation -  
Burglary and Larceny; Anti-Riot Laws -  
Impeding Federal Officers;  
Assaulting Federal Officers;  
Assault With a Dangerous Weapon;  
Conspiracy

Bureau file (176-2402)  
Minneapolis file (70-6866)

Title LEONARD CROW DOG  
Character Crime on an Indian Reservation -  
Burglary and Larceny; Anti-Riot Laws -  
Impeding Federal Officers;  
Assaulting Federal Officers;  
Conspiracy; Unlawful Possession of Firearms

Bureau file (70-59318)  
Minneapolis file (70-7041)

Title STANLEY RICHARD HOLDER  
Character Crime on an Indian Reservation -  
Burglary and Larceny; Anti-Riot Laws -  
Impeding Federal Officers; Assaulting  
Federal Officers; Conspiracy;  
Unlawful Possession of Firearms

Bureau file (70-59073)  
Minneapolis file (70-6868)

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Title                    RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
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                         Assaulting Federal Officers;  
                         Conspiracy; Unlawful Possession of Firearms  
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Bureau file (70-58411)  
Minneapolis file (70-6832)

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Bureau file (89-2452)  
Minneapolis file (89-149)

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Character

Bureau file (89-2550)  
Minneapolis file (89-143)

SA CURTIS A. FITZGERALD - VICTIM;  
SA

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For the sake of brevity, in listing witness references, the titles of cases will not be repeated. Rather, reference to specific reports will be indicated by the initials of the individual first named in the title and the date of the particular report.

For example, as reported in the RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS file, MARY PIKE, Wounded Knee, South Dakota, provided information relating to her observations of MEANS looting the Wounded Knee Trading Post on February 27, 1973. This information appears in the MEANS report dated May 18, 1973, and will be set forth below as follows:

MARY PIKE,  
Wounded Knee, S.D.

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Observed MEANS looting  
Trading Post, 2/27/73



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Breaking and Entering - Wounded Knee Trading Post

(18, USC, Secs. 1153 & S.D.C.L. Sect. 22-32-9)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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While at Trading Post on 2/27/73, he observed Indians leaving Trading Post with weapons.

b6  
b7C

[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

Observed MEANS leading group of Indians which broke into the Wounded Knee Trading Post. Group is same group of Indians which came from Calico 2/27/73 led by MEANS and BANKS.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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[redacted]

MARY PIKE  
Wounded Knee,  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 173

Observed MEANS looting Trading Post 2/27/73.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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Observed MEANS leading group which looted Trading Post. Observed BELLECOURT and CROW DOG at Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 176

Observed BANKS and MEANS instructing followers to occupy Trading Post.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 187

Observed BANKS, BELLECOURT, and MEANS as leaders in takeover of Wounded Knee Trading Post...

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Observed looting  
of Trading Post.

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b7c

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 201

Observed looting  
of Trading Post  
on 2/28/73.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 220

Observed looting  
of Trading Post  
on 2/28/73.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 355

Observed looting  
of Trading Post  
on 2/28/73.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed looting  
of Trading Post  
on 2/28/73.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed looting  
of Trading Post  
on 2/28/73.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 27

Overheard MEANS  
instruct Indians on  
2/28/73 to take what-  
ever they want from  
Wounded Knee Trading  
Post.

[REDACTED]

Nebraska

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 126

Was told by BANKS  
soldier holed up in  
Catholic Church on  
the hill in strategic  
position. Police  
might not shoot due  
to religious signifi-  
cance. Saw BANKS  
wearing break-action  
.38 - 5 shot revolver  
taken from Trading Post.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Kansas

States group led by <sup>b6</sup>  
MEANS and BANKS broke <sup>b7c</sup>  
into Wounded Knee  
Trading Post 2/27/73  
and took over town.

CLIVE A. GILDERSLEEVE  
White male, date of  
birth 8/30/99, Owner,  
Trading Post, Wounded  
Knee, South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 25

Observed people  
breaking into his  
store 2/27/73 - also  
looted his garage on  
2/28/73. Observed  
BANKS and MEANS at  
Wounded Knee.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Wounded Knee,  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 3

Observed looting of  
Trading Post 2/28/73.  
Saw BANKS and his  
wife take over home  
of Mrs. PIKE. Heard  
BANKS state "They are  
too well fortified  
for us to come in  
there." MEANS took  
WILBER RIEGERT's  
trailer house.

[REDACTED]

Oglala Sioux  
Legal Services

RM 11/13/73  
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Stated that AIM people  
were taking over the  
town and burglarizing  
the store.

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Larceny - Wounded Knee Trading Post

(18, USC, Secs. 1153 & 661)

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b6  
b7c

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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While at Trading Post on 2/27/73, he observed Indians leaving Trading Post with weapons.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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MARY PIKE  
Wounded Knee, South Dakota

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Pg. 173

Observed MEANS looting Trading Post 2/27/73.

[redacted]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
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Observed MEANS leading group which looted Trading Post. Group which went into Wounded Knee led by MEANS & BANKS. Also heard CARTER CAMP BELLECOURT & [redacted]

had leadership position. Observed MEANS with rifle standing in front of Trading Post while looting was going on. In meeting at Catholic Church, MEANS & BANKS were leaders. Stated Wounded Knee raid was AIM protest to BIA policies & overall U.S. Gov't. treatment of Indians. Heard BANKS & MEANS state AIM members remaining at Wounded Knee would never give up.

Identifies [redacted] BANKS & BELLECOURT as present. Identifies photos of [redacted]

[redacted]  
as participating in looting of Trading Post.



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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 199	Observed looting of Trading Post. <sup>b6</sup> <sub>b7c</sub>
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE Rushville, Nebraska	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 201	Observed looting of Trading Post on 2/28/73
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/83 Pg. 220	Observed looting of Trading Post on 2/28/73
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 385	Observed MEANS with pistol stolen from Trading Post.
CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE Rushville, Nebraska	RM 10/20/73 Pg. 28	Observed larceny of Trading Post.
AGNES GILDERSLEEVE Rushville, Nebraska	RM 10/20/73 Pg. 37	Observed larceny of Trading Post.
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 8/3/73 Pg. 27	Overheard MEANS instruct Indians on 2/28/73, to take whatever they want from Trading Post..
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 187	Observed MEANS, BANKS, & BELLECOURT as leaders in takeover of Trading Post.
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 176	Present when MEANS & BANKS ordered occupation of Trading Post.
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	CB 5/17/73 Pg. 187	MEANS ordering all artifacts to be taken to church for further disposition.

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Assault of Federal Officer

(18, USC, Secs. 111 & 1114)

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SPECIAL AGENT



b6  
b7C

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SA [redacted]  
FBI, Minneapolis

RA 3/17/73  
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Saw five men run to tree line - fired on from tree line b6 b7C

SA [redacted]  
FBI

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 285

Experienced firefight at Roadblock Three

SA [redacted]  
FBI, Chicago

RA 3/17/73  
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Experienced firefight at Roadblock Three

SA [redacted]  
FBI

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Experienced firefight at Roadblock Three

Deputy USM

[redacted]  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 292

Experienced firefight at Roadblock Three

[redacted]  
Deputy USM  
Atlanta, Georgia

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 294

Experienced firefight at Roadblock Three

[redacted]  
Deputy USM  
Baltimore, Maryland

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 295

Experienced firefight and saw vehicles, including orange and white van

[redacted]  
USM  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 296

Experienced firefight at Roadblock Two 3/4/73. Observed fire from Indians on 3/8/73 at Roadblock Three

[redacted]  
USM  
Sacramento, Calif.

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 297

On 3/8/73, he observed 4 vehicles drive from Wounded Knee and park; saw about 14 people go into the woods. He heard shots in the direction of Roadblock Three. Through a telescope, he saw white/red van, blue sedan, blue pickup and dark sedan

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[REDACTED]  
Deputy USM

[REDACTED] Texas

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 299

Received fire from an  
unknown number of Indians  
at Roadblock Three on  
3/8/73

b6  
b7C

[REDACTED]  
Deputy USM

[REDACTED] Maryland

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 300

Experienced gunfire from  
Indians at Roadblock Three  
on 3/8/73. Saw a U Haul van  
and blue truck

[REDACTED]  
Deputy USM

[REDACTED] Ohio

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 303

Experienced receiving shots  
from Indians at Roadblock  
Three on 3/8/73

[REDACTED]  
SDI, USM

[REDACTED] Iowa

RA 3/24/73  
Pg. 259

Observed vehicles approach  
Roadblock Three and  
occupants take firing  
positions on 3/8/73

SA  
SA

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Pg. 447

AFO witness to SA [REDACTED]  
shooting on 3/8/73

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SPECIAL AGENT CURTIS FITZGERALD



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[redacted]  
[redacted] New Mexico

BE 8/30/73  
Pg. 2

Saw orange and white van enter Wounded Knee. Heard STAN HOLDER tell a group of people there were three people in the van and they would be punished - they blew the cease fire <sup>b6</sup>  
<sup>b7c</sup>

SA CURTIS FITZGERALD  
FBI, Chicago

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 13

Advised he and SA [redacted] gave chase to a stolen orange and white U Haul; he was shot by someone in the van.

SA [redacted]  
FBI

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 10

[redacted] described chase and subsequent shooting of FITZGERALD

Dr. [redacted]  
Pine Ridge Hospital

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 17

Advised he gave FITZGERALD treatment for his wounds described treatment

Dr. THOMAS FOLEY  
Major, Ellsworth  
Air Force Base

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 18

FOLEY stated he removed bullet fragments from FITZGERALD's hands and operated on him

SA DENNIS O'CALLAGHAN  
FBI, Minneapolis

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 19

Recovered clothing from wounded SA FITZGERALD

SA [redacted]  
FBI, Minneapolis

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 6

Assisted SAs [redacted] and FITZGERALD after receiving call for help. Observed wounded SA FITZGERALD in Bureau car

SA [redacted]  
FBI, Minneapolis

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 8

Gave first aid to SA FITZGERALD

SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
FBI, Minneapolis

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 55

Examined [redacted] Saw one hole which looked like a bullet hole. No latent fingerprints

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[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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Pg. 5

[redacted] b6  
[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] was in  
an orange and white van,  
later saw same van pass  
him at a high rate of speed

Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

BE 8/30/73  
Pg. 22

Observed [redacted] as  
driver of van

[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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Pg. 33

~~Definitively~~ identified  
[redacted] from photographs

[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

BE 8/30/73  
Pg. 29

She said [redacted]  
told her he shot it out  
with BIA Police. Saw RUSS  
MEANS talking with [redacted]  
[redacted] and  
saw shattered window of  
van

[redacted]

BE 8/30/73  
Pg. 38

Identified photograph of  
orange and white van U Haul  
as being used in Wounded  
Knee, South Dakota

SA [redacted]  
and SA [redacted]

BE 10/15/73  
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Observed [redacted]  
[redacted] at Calico Hall

Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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Pg. 10

Identified [redacted] as  
the driver of the orange  
and white van

[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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Said photograph of [redacted]  
resembles driver of van:  
photograph of [redacted]  
not same [redacted] she  
knows

[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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Pg. 9

Observed [redacted]  
and Cherokee in van in  
early PM of 3/11/73

List of Firearms  
SA WILLIAM J. HURLEY  
SA [redacted]

BE 8/30/73  
Pg. 15

Indicates rifle given to  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] KIXI Radio  
Station, Seattle,  
Washington

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 22

Stated he drove [redacted]  
[redacted] known to him  
as [redacted] into  
Wounded Knee

b6  
b7C

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 13

Identified [redacted] and  
[redacted] as being  
in van

BE 10/15/73  
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Identified [redacted]  
[redacted] in van

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 18

Identified [redacted]  
in van

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Pg. 9

Identified photograph of  
[redacted] in van

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 8

Saw van in Wounded Knee  
on 3/11/73

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 5 and 2

Can state that orange and  
white U Haul van was used  
to transport him on 2/27/73

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 127

Observed [redacted]  
[redacted] enter Wounded Knee

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 15

Took photographs of SA  
FITZGERALD's wounds and  
of CG 71, vehicle of  
[redacted] and FITZGERALD

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 45

Observed red van arrive  
in Wounded Knee with  
bullet holes in its rear.  
Said two occupants of van  
are known as [redacted]  
[redacted]

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b6  
b7C

[REDACTED]

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 21

Advised [REDACTED]  
has an orange and white  
Hertz or U Haul van. Said  
he was driving it when it was  
shot at

[REDACTED]

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 26

Saw red and white van  
U Haul come from Manderson  
driven by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and the men in the  
van said they shot some  
policemen, thought they  
were FBI

[REDACTED]

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 54

Recovered on 5/8/73, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIA  
[REDACTED] S. D.

[REDACTED]  
BIA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] S. D.

BE 10/15/73  
Pg. 11

Talked with SAs [REDACTED] and  
FITZGERALD on 3/11/73, and  
observed orange and white  
van approach them. Saw  
Agents leave to pursue van  
observed one Agent wounded

[REDACTED]  
Orange Street  
Exxon Service Station  
[REDACTED] Montana

BE 6/30/73  
Pg. 48

Advised person identifying  
himself as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] signed  
larceny by bailee complaint

[REDACTED]  
Sheriff's Office  
[REDACTED] Montana

BE 6/30/73  
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Received larceny by bailee  
complaint from [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL LLOYD GRIMM

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[REDACTED]  
Metro Media Television  
8304 Sunset Boulevard  
Hollywood, California

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North Dakota

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USM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Alabama

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Present during firefight

WILLIAM HALL  
Associate Director  
U.S. Marshal Service

LG 4/14/73  
Pg. 14

Present during firefight  
and can generally tell  
direction from which shots  
came

[REDACTED]  
Fitzsimmons Army  
General Hospital  
Denver, Colorado

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[REDACTED]  
GRIMM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Col. JOE BAKER  
Ft. Bragg, North  
Carolina

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[REDACTED]  
GRIMM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Department of  
Pathology, Fitzsimmons  
Army General Hospital  
Denver, Colorado

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[REDACTED]  
GRIMM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

LLOYD GRIMM  
Fitzsimmons Army  
General Hospital  
Denver, Colorado

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Victim's statement

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

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Pg. 4

While at Wounded Knee, he  
heard a (FNU) SPOTTED EAGLE  
bragging of his success in  
shooting a Marshal



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USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Pa.

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Engaged in firefight  
with GRIMM

b6  
b7C

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] California

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Present during firefight.

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Iowa

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Present during firefight  
and helped GRIMM into  
helicopter

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Maryland

LG 4/14/73  
Pg. 34

Present during firefight  
helped GRIMM into heli-  
copter and returned fire  
afterwards

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Georgia

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Pg. 21

Present during firefight  
and observed several  
Indians in vicinity

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] California

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Pg. 20

Present during firefight  
returned fire and observed  
Indians in area earlier  
that day

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Washington

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Present at bunker during  
firefight, observed fire  
coming from AIM bunkers,  
observed fire during  
evacuation of GRIMM

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Colorado

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Saw GRIMM [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Miss.

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In APC during assault at  
Roadblock Apple

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USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Texas

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Present at bunker dur<sup>b6</sup>  
firefight. <sup>b7C</sup>

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Pa.

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Present at bunker during  
firefight, helped GRIMM  
into helicopter.

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Maryland

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Pg. 31

In general vicinity and  
heard shots fired.

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Delaware.

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Pg. 32

Present during firefight  
and helped evacuate  
GRIMM under fire.

USM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Maryland

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Pg. 15

Present at bunker during  
firefight and accompanie  
GRIMM to hospital in  
helicopter.

KENT FRIZELL  
Assistant Attorney  
General

LG 4/14/73  
Pg. 12

Was with GRIMM before  
shooting and present  
during firefight, ob-  
served Indian with rifle  
previous to shooting  
and can speculate as to  
direction from which  
shots came.

Dr. [redacted]  
Pine Ridge Hospital

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Pg. 38

Preliminary examination  
of GRIMM.

USM [redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas

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Pg. 18

Engaged in firefight in  
which GRIMM wounded and  
helped load him in heli-  
copter.

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[REDACTED]

South Dakota  
National Guard

[REDACTED] S. D.

[REDACTED]

DUSM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] S. D.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] S. D.

Dr. HARRY ROBERT HAHN  
President, Medical  
Staff, Craig Rehab-  
ilitation Hospital  
Englewood, Colorado

[REDACTED]

DUSM

[REDACTED] Alabama

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California

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Maximum effective range<sup>b6</sup>  
30.06 rifle is 600 yards.<sup>b7c</sup>  
No degree of accuracy  
from 1,266 yards "lobbing  
shot" or "freak shot"

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Pg. 10

Marshal GRIMM only one  
present at Roadblock  
Apple wearing blue jumpsuit  
3/26/73

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Pg. 4

Heard from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] S. D. that (FNU)  
SPOTTED EAGLE bragged  
about shooting a Marshal

LG 6/25/73  
Pg. 12

Heard numerous people take  
credit for shooting Marshal  
GRIMM via radio. Observed  
DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL  
MEANS at Wounded Knee

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Pg. 6

Marshal GRIMM is paraplegic  
and does not have use of  
either leg. Has not  
regained control of bladder  
and bowels

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Pg. 2

Was present when DUSM  
GRIMM was hit from AIM  
bunkers, 1,000 yards away  
cannot identify any subjects

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Early morning of 3/27/73  
heard a voice say [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - identified  
BANKS, HOLDER, BISSONETTE,  
CARTER CAMP

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Nebraska

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Same day Marshal was hit<sup>b6</sup>  
heard group of three indi<sup>b7c</sup>  
viduals, part of "California  
Bunkers" - one of these, an  
Indian male, 5'8", has asso-  
ciate who said he shot  
Marshal

[redacted]  
[redacted] Virginia

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Pg. 4

[redacted] took full  
credit for shooting Marshal  
GRIMM - He is white and was  
a member of a sniper patrol  
with two or three Indian  
males

[redacted]  
[redacted] S. D.

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(FNU) BLACK HORSE bragged  
about shooting a U. S.  
Marshal in a bunker near  
road to Porcupine. Saw  
BANKS at Wounded Knee

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Impeding Federal Officers  
(18, USC, Sec. 231 (a) (3))

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

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Observed rifle pits <sup>b6</sup>  
Wounded Knee and knew <sup>b7c</sup>  
schedule of guards.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 19

Supervised positioning  
of bunkers in Wounded  
Knee.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed preparation of  
bunkers in Wounded Knee

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

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Observed preparation of  
bunkers in Wounded Knee

[redacted]  
[redacted] Wisconsin

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 294

Helped build bunkers.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 167

Observed MEANS and BANKS  
as leaders in control of  
trenches at Wounded Knee  
on 3/2/73.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 11/13/73  
Pg. 378

Observed Indian bunker  
manned by armed Indians

[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

She said AIM has station  
several bunkers around  
the church and two bunkers  
located 1/4 mile from the  
church. Also, two or three  
bunkers about one mile  
SW of the church. She  
indicated that the bunkers  
are occupied by militants  
who are grouped into  
squads.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South  
Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 233

He said he's not allowed  
to enter Wounded Knee,  
but he drew a map locating  
the position of bunkers.  
Also said many Indians  
are armed with shotguns  
and rifles.



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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

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Pg. 28

Observed blocking of roads.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed blocking of roads.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 136

Was stopped by AIM members in U-Haul Van outside of Wounded Knee. b6 b7C

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 233

Drew map showing AIM roadblocks.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Montana

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 157

Stopped at AIM roadblock by two male Indians, both armed. Was told a clearance from MEANS was necessary for him to pass.

[REDACTED]  
KWYR and Winner  
Advocate Newspaper  
Winner, South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 265

Stopped at AIM roadblock by one armed male Indian. Observed burned out pickups and trenches and bunkers made of sandbags and cinderblocks.

JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
Special Agent in Charge,  
FBI  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

DB 5/18/73  
Pg. 96

Eight or ten men had rifles pointed in his direction on 2/28/73. Testify regarding effort to release hostages and comments by MEANS. Also efforts to stop gunfire.

WILLIAM ALLEN MEANS  
Mission, South Dakota  
Indian male, DOB  
8/9/46

DB 5/18/73  
Pg. 123

Brother of RUSSELL MEANS. States BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS and CLYDE BELLECOU dictated outcome of any situation which arises - no surrender until demands are met by Federal Government.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South  
Dakota

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Drew map of AIM  
bunkers and roadblocks. b6 b7C

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

DB 9/18/73  
Pg. 15

Observed AIM leaders including BANKS directing members to dig holes and ditches in and around Wounded Knee. On evening of third day of occupation BANKS entered GILDERSLEE residence and told all three they were not prisoners and were free to go. BANKS said occupation would bring world wide attention to Wounded Knee. AIM used the [redacted] trailer as headquarters and meeting place.

DOUGLAS FRANK DURHAM  
2612 44th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 253

Observed trenches, fire-  
arms and roadblocks from  
3/19/73 - 3/31/73.

Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Nebraska

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 30

Observed BANKS and MEANS giving orders at Wounded Knee - saw BANKS wearing pistol.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 11/13/73  
Pg. 86

Held captive at Wounded Knee by Indians. Had his gun and credentials stolen at Wounded Knee on 3/11/73. He was stopped at an Indian bunker by three armed Indian males.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 11/13/73  
Pg. 91

Identified STANLEY  
HOLDER.

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Pg. 95

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

Keys to [redacted] car b6  
taken by CROW DOG. b7c  
Reported loss of Govern-  
ment issued side-arm  
while held captive at  
Wounded Knee.

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Arson.

(18, USC, Secs. 1153 & 18; USC, Sec. 81)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 233

Noted that roadblock<sup>b6</sup>  
consisted of broken<sup>b7c</sup>  
down burned vehicles.

[redacted]  
WILSON, KWYR & Winner  
Advocate Newspaper,  
Winner, South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 265

Observed 2 burned  
pickup trucks at  
roadblock.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

To be in-  
cluded in next  
RM report

Information relating  
to destruction of  
vehicles belonging to  
C&F Trucking, [redacted]

[redacted]  
WILBUR REIGERT, and  
Sioux, Incorporated.

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Possession of Unregistered Firearms

(Chapter 53, T 26, USC, in violation of Sects. 5861 (d) and 5871)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Indiana

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 319

Observed AK-47 being<sup>b6</sup>  
fired. Observed dynamite, molotov cocktails & schrapnel grenades.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Indiana

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 327

He "estimated" there were two AK-47s, numerous grenades & anti-tank bombs.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 19

Observed firearms & explosives.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed firearms & explosives.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 6/27/73  
Pg. 19

Observed many fake weapons, including a simulated .50 caliber & a simulated .30 caliber machine gun.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 11/13/73  
Pg. 37B

Seized molotov cocktails at Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
C/O BUSHNELL

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 217

Observed 15 - 20 molotov cocktails in bunker on 3/13/73.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 226

Observed a "couple" of AK-47s in Wounded Knee between 3/10 & 3/15/73.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 227

Observed one AK-47 in Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 242

Observed diagram in Wounded Knee on how to manufacture & detonate explosive device similar to WW II "potato masher" hand grenade. He saw one M-16 rifle in Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Iowa



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California

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Observed AK-47,  
M-16, M-60 or .50  
caliber machine gun in  
Wounded Knee. b6  
b7C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Iowa

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 254

Observed diagrams  
showing construction  
and setting of blasting  
caps and military  
explosives in Wounded  
Knee. Observed primer  
being taped to dynamite.  
Observed 2 M-14 rifles  
3 AK-47s and what  
appeared to be .50  
caliber machine gun  
and Browning automatic  
rifle, and 15 hand  
grenades.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Missouri

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 271

Photographed an  
Indian carrying what  
was described to him  
as an AK-47 rifle.  
Observed automatic  
weapon described as  
GPK or KPJ 4.9mm.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wisconsin

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 296

Observed an AK-47 and  
2 or 3 automatic  
weapons.

[REDACTED]

Univ. of California,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] California

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 306

Observed AK-47 and  
dynamite in Wounded  
Knee.

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Larceny of Automobile

(18, USC, Secs. 1153 & 661)

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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 138

Unsub took his auto  
keys while he was a  
hostage in Wounded  
Knee.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed STANLEY  
HOLDER take auto  
keys and auto.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska  
308-327-2713

RM 11/16/73  
Pg. 16

Information re title  
for vehicle - 1970  
Dodge Polara, VIN  
DM41LOD109144.

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Conspiracy

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Witness information pertaining to breaking and entering and larceny of the Wounded Knee Trading Post, roadblocks, and the preparation of trenches and bunkers has been set forth in previous sections of this report.

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Theft of Property From  
Residents of Wounded Knee

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota  
RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 19

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Observed MEANS as Numlb7c  
Two man in Wounded Knee  
takeover.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed theft of property  
of residents WILBUR  
REIGERT and [REDACTED]

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed takeover of  
WILBUR REIGERT's trailer  
house.



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Acts and Attempts to Obstruct, Impede,  
and Interfere With the Duties of Firemen,  
United States Marshals, Special Agents of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and  
Bureau of Indian Affairs Police.

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SA

Overheard

state on 2/22/73.

MEANS will lead a caravan to Pine Ridge, S. D., and if not allowed in will arrive with rifles and firearms and return to the reservation.

South Dakota

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Pg. 159

Participant in caravan led by MEANS and BANKS which occupied Wounded Knee on 2/27/73. Observed MEANS carrying rifle.

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 187

Overheard MEANS, BANKS and BELLECOURT as leaders who telephoned for assistance in form of arms from 2/27/73 until 3/8/73.

South Dakota

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 60

While at LEONARD CROW DOG's near end of March, received telephone call from MEANS ordering them to assemble a group and march on USM roadblock at Wounded Knee.

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 233

Was guarded by armed guard while in Wounded Knee. Observed Indians with weapons. Observed roadblocks and bunkers.

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 136

Observed Indians carrying weapons into Wounded Knee.

DUSM

Illinois

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 408

Witnessed firefight on 3/9/73.

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DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] Minnesota

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 409

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/2/73.

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DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Texas

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 410

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/9/73.

DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] Georgia

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 412

Witnessed firefights  
on 3/3, 3/4 and 3/5/73.

SA [redacted]  
[redacted] Nebraska, and  
SA [redacted]  
[redacted] California

RA 3/31/73  
Pg. 191

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/21/73.

SA [redacted]

RA 3/31/73  
Pg. 193

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/24/73.

[redacted]  
[redacted] BIA  
[redacted] South Dakota

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 16

Witnessed firefight  
on 2/27/73.

SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 17

Witnessed firefight on  
or about 2/28/73 and  
3/2/73.

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 18

Witnessed firefights on  
2/28/73 and 3/2/73.

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 71

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/8/73.

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 73

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/8/73.

DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] Texas

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 81

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/8/73.

DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] Pennsylvania

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 86

Witnessed firefight  
on 3/8/73.

DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] Pennsylvania

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 87

Witnessed firefights  
on 3/4, 3/8 and 3/9/73.

DUSM [redacted]  
[redacted] California

RA 5/18/73  
Pg. 91

Witnessed firefights  
on 3/26/73.

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[redacted] South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 328	Was fired upon on 2/27/73.	b6 b7c
[redacted] South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 329	Was fired upon on 2/27/73.	
[redacted] BIA South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 331	Was fired upon on 2/28/73.	
[redacted] BIA South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 332	Was fired upon on 2/28/73 and 3/3/73.	
SA [redacted] DUSM [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 333	Was fired upon on 3/2/73.	
SA [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 334	Was fired upon on 2/28/73.	
SA [redacted] [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 335	Was fired upon on 2/28/73.	
SA [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 337	Was fired upon on 2/28/73 and 3/2/73.	
SA [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 338	Was fired upon on 2/28/73 and 3/2/73.	
SA [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 339	Was fired upon on 2/28/73 and 3/2/73.	
[redacted] BIA South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 341	Was fired upon on 2/28/73.	
[redacted] BIA South Dakota	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 342	Was fired upon on 2/28/73 and 3/5/73.	
DUSM [redacted]	RA 3/10/73 Pg. 343	Was fired upon on 3/3/73.	

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DUSM

RA 3/24/73  
Pg. 284

Was fired upon on  
3/7/73.

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SA  
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SA

RA 4/15/73  
Pg. 167

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/26/73.

SA

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 74

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

SA

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 74

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

DUSM

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 78

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

Maryland

DUSM

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 80

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

Maryland

DUSM

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 82

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

Ohio

DUSM

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 85

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/8/73.

Georgia

DUSM

RA 5/8/73  
Pg. 92

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/26/73.

DUSM

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 409

Participated in fire-  
fight on 2/28/73.

Minnesota

DUSM

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 411

Participated in fire-  
fights on several  
occasions between 3/2/73  
and June, 1973.

Mississippi

DUSM

RA 3/17/73  
Pg. 414

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/9/73.

Arkansas

SA

RA 3/31/73  
Pg. 189a

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/9/73.

California

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SA [REDACTED]  
SA CURTIS A. FITZGERALD

RA 4/15/73  
Pg. 161

Participated in fire-<sup>b6</sup>  
fight on 3/11/73. <sup>b7C</sup>

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SA

RA 4/15/73  
Pg. 164

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/25/73.

DUSM

[REDACTED] Colorado

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 345

Participated in firefight  
on 3/6/73 and 3/7/73.

DUSM

[REDACTED] Oklahoma

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 347

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73 and  
3/7/73.

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 349

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73 and  
3/7/73.

DUSM

[REDACTED] D.C.

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 351

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73.

DUSM

[REDACTED] Washington

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 352

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73 and  
3/7/73.

SA

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 354

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/7/73.

SA

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 355

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73 and  
3/7/73.

DUSM

[REDACTED] New York

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 359

Participated in fire-  
fight on 3/6/73 and  
3/7/73.

SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 414

Supervised Agents  
during firefight on  
3/8/73.

SA

[REDACTED] Wisconsin

DB 5/18/73  
Pg. 79

His position came under  
fire and one round  
struck automobile of FBI

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## Use of Firearms



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[REDACTED]  
South Dakota

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Participant in  
caravan led by  
MEANS and BANKS  
which occupied  
Wounded Knee on  
2/27/73. Observed  
MEANS carrying rifle.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 19

Observed firearms  
and explosives.

[REDACTED]  
Holy Rosary Mission  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

DB.9/18/73  
Pg. 2

Observed AIM members  
at Wounded Knee with  
approximately 50  
rifles, 20 shotguns,  
and numerous handguns.  
BANKS was among the  
leaders.

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Forcible Taking Possession and  
Occupation of Wounded Knee Trading Post

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[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 159

Observed MEANS and  
BANKS leading group  
which took over  
Trading Post on  
2/27/73.

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b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 176

Present when MEANS  
and BANKS instructed  
followers to occupy  
Trading Post.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed possession  
of Trading Post.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed possession  
of Trading Post.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 27

Overheard MEANS in-  
struct Indians on  
2/28/73 to take  
whatever they want  
from Trading Post.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kansas

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

Observed members of  
group led by MEANS  
and BANKS break into  
Trading Post.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

DB 9/18/73  
Pg. 18

Observed and over-  
heard BANKS, MEANS,  
BELLECOURT and others  
at Trading Post making  
outside telephone  
calls.

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Securing of Firearms, Ammunition, Foodstuffs,  
and Automobiles, to Impede Federal Officers  
In the Conduct of Their Official Duties.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 187

Overheard MEANS, <sup>b6</sup>  
BANKS and BELLECOURT <sup>b7c</sup>  
as leaders who tele-  
phoned for assistance  
in form of arms 2/27-  
3/8/73.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Iowa

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 240

Assisted in trans-  
portation and dis-  
tribution of food  
to occupants of  
Wounded Knee for  
the United Methodist  
Church.

DOUGLAS DURHAN  
2612 - 44th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 253

Identified relative  
"FLOWERS" as taking  
guns and ammunition  
to Wounded Knee via  
Manderson Road.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

California

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 281

On 3/27/73 witnessed  
arrival of twin-engine  
aircraft delivering  
supplies; MEANS and  
BANKS drove out to  
meet the aircraft.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

New Mexico

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 286

Brought supplies to  
Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Wisconsin

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 291

Brought supplies to  
Wounded Knee. Ob-  
served aircraft land  
on 3/27/73.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

North Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 302

Observed aircraft  
land on 3/27/73.

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[redacted]  
University of  
California, [redacted]  
[redacted] California

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 305

Brought pistol  
and rifle into  
Wounded Knee.

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b7c

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed looting  
of weapons and  
ammunition from  
Trading Post.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed looting  
of weapons and  
ammunition from  
Trading Post.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 60

Observed supplying  
of weapons and food  
stuffs into Wounded  
Knee.

[redacted]  
South Dakota

DB 9/18/73  
Pg. 18

Overheard BANKS,  
MEANS, BELLECOURT  
and others using  
telephone at Trading  
Post, attempt to have  
additional weapons,  
foodstuffs, medical  
supplies and other  
equipment sent to  
Wounded Knee.

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Seizure of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wounded Knee



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[REDACTED]

South Dakota

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Pg. 159

Participant in group which attended meeting at Catholic Church on 2/27/73, which was presided over by MEANS & BANKS.

[REDACTED]

Holy Rosary Mission

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 9

Observed MEANS lead group of Indians in breakin into Catholic Church.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
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Held as hostage inside Catholic Church.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Held as hostage inside Catholic Church.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 43

BANKS told [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Has seen BANKS many times at Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
MEANS.

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# Seizure of Homes and House Trailers, Wounded Knee

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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 28

Observed seizure of  
homes in Wounded Knee.

AGNES GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 37

Observed seizure of  
REIGERT trailer home  
in Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RM 5/18/73  
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Stated AIM occupied<sup>b6</sup><sub>b7c</sub>  
homes in Wounded Knee  
when residents left.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

RM 9/18/73  
Pg. 12

On 2/27/73, several  
Indians demanded she &  
her family leave trail  
or they would burn it  
down.

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# Selection of Guards for Patrol of Wounded Knee Area

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[REDACTED]

Colorado

[REDACTED]

C/O BUSHNELL

[REDACTED]

Oregon

[REDACTED]

Kansas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Washington

[REDACTED]

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 349

Carried rifle on b6  
"Pine Ridge Roadblock" b7c

RM 10/20/73  
Pg. 51

Armed with .303 rifle  
while guard at Wounded  
Knee.

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

Stated militant AIM  
members were broken  
into squads, 5-12 in  
number, with a leader  
and assigned duties.

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 246

Stated all AIM followers  
leaders being MEANS,  
BANKS, CAMP, are in  
the security group -  
100 Indians, 32 whites  
& one black.

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ADDITIONAL GENERAL WITNESSES

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 182

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Montana

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 189

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Colorado

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 191

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 196

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 199

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 204

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Wisconsin

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 206

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
c/o Bushnell

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 218

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon

[redacted]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 220

Conversed with  
MEANS in Wounded  
Knee.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 223

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.



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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] California	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 229	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	b6 b7C
[REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 233	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Iowa	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 242	Conversed with MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] California	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 227	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 347	Had fist fight with MEANS inside Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 364	Observed MEANS in Trading Post.	
[REDACTED] Chadron State College [REDACTED] Nebraska	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 371	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Washington	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 246	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] California	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 249	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
ETHEL MERRIVAL Pine Ridge, South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 262	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 263	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.	

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[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 270	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 274	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] Metro Media Television [redacted] California	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 281	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] New Mexico	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 288	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Wisconsin	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 293	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] University of California [redacted] California	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 307	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee
[redacted] [redacted] Iowa	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 323	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 330	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 332	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 339	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.
[redacted] [redacted] South Dakota	RM 5/18/73 Pg. 109	Observed MEANS in Wounded Knee.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Mexico

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 120

Observed MEANS  
and BANKS in  
Wounded-Knee  
giving directions.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 122

Was told by MEANS  
he (MEANS) was one  
of Wounded Knee  
leaders.

[REDACTED]  
Holy Rosary Mission  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 132

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
Augustana College  
[REDACTED] South  
Dakota [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 134

Conversed with  
MEANS while in  
Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
Sioux Baptist Church  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 136

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 137

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 139

Was hostage by  
Indians led by MEANS.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 146

Recognized photograph  
of MEANS as being in  
Wounded Knee while a  
hostage.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 149

Conversed with MEANS  
inside Wounded Knee.

MATTHEW HIGH PINE  
Wounded Knee,  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 163

Conversed with MEANS  
inside Wounded Knee.

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[REDACTED]

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Pg. 164

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee

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[REDACTED]

South Dakota

[REDACTED]

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 170

Observed MEANS  
in Wounded Knee.

South Dakota

[REDACTED]

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 16

Observed BANKS,  
CLYDE BELLECOURT,  
CARTER CAMP, and  
RUSSELL MEANS at  
Wounded Knee during  
occupation.

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

[REDACTED]

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 18

Observed BANKS,  
BELLECOURT, BISSON-  
ETTE, CARTER CAMP  
and MEANS at Wounded  
Knee on 3/3/73.

South Dakota

[REDACTED]

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 20

Observed BANKS,  
BELLECOURT, BISSON-  
ETTE, CARTER CAMP  
and MEANS as having  
been in Wounded Knee  
during period 3/27-  
5/11/73.

South Dakota

[REDACTED]

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 22

Observed BANKS,  
BELLECOURT, BISSON-  
ETTE, CARTER CAMP  
and MEANS as having  
been in Wounded Knee  
during period 3/27-  
5/11/73.

South Dakota

AGNES AFRAID OF HAWK  
Wounded Knee,  
South Dakota

DB 7/25/73  
Pg. 26

Observed BANKS at  
Wounded Knee 2/73.  
Observed MEANS at  
Wounded Knee 2/73.

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[REDACTED]

Frank's Landing

[REDACTED] Washington

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Washington)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South  
Dakota, Red Cross

DB 5/18/73  
Pg. 80

Observed Postal  
Inspectors being  
brought into Wounded  
Knee as prisoners.  
Observed BANKS and  
spoke to him. Also  
talked to MEANS.

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DB 5/18/73  
Pg. 68

Took three trucks  
with medical supplies  
and food to Wounded  
Knee, 4/5/73. Indians  
siphoned gas from  
vehicles.

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[redacted] South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 159

Participated in <sup>b6</sup>  
caravan from Calico, <sup>b7c</sup>  
S.D., to Wounded Knee,  
S.D., 2/27/73.

SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
FBI, Chicago

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 17

Observed vehicles and  
recorded license number  
at Calico Hall meeting  
2/27/73.

SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
FBI, Minneapolis

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 22

Observed vehicles and  
recorded license number  
at Calico Hall meeting  
2/27/73.

SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]  
FBI, Chicago

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 23

Participated in Calico  
caravan on 2/27/73.

[redacted]  
BIA, [redacted] South Dakota

RA 3/10/73  
Pg. 25

Participated in Calico  
caravan on 2/27/73.

[redacted]  
[redacted] BIA,  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

RM 11/13/73  
Pg. 47

Observed caravan of  
10 - 15 cars proceeding  
towards Pine Ridge.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

Participated in  
caravan on 2/27/73,  
from Calico to Wounded  
Knee. She left Calico  
with [redacted]  
believed to be an AIM  
member, and others.  
They were to go to  
Porcupine to a meeting  
presided over by MEANS  
& BANKS. At Wounded  
Knee, members of a gro  
led by MEANS & BANKS  
took over the town.



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SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
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Received list of  
demands from MEANS,  
BISSONETTE, et al.

SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 98

Met PEDRO BISSONETTE  
of the Oglala Sioux  
Civil Rights  
Association.

SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 97

Met with CAMP on  
2/28/73. CAMP  
identified himself as  
the AIM Security Chief

SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 99

Received list of  
hostages from MEANS.  
MEANS told TRIMBACH  
that we were trespassing  
on Indian Land. He  
said "We are the land-  
lords and the rent is  
overdue".

SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 101

Met with MEANS regard-  
ing setup of meeting  
with Senators. Met  
with Senators MC GOVERN  
& ABOUREZK and aides  
(not named) of Senator  
KENNEDY & MANSFIELD.

SA [REDACTED]  
FBI, Minneapolis

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 107

Observed armed Indians  
and had rifle pointed  
at him and SAC TRIMBACH  
during SAC TRIMBACH -  
MEANS meeting.

[REDACTED]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 159

Observed MEANS as  
one of leaders in  
the takeover of the  
Catholic Church.

[REDACTED]  
South Dakota

RM 5/18/73  
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Observed MEANS as one  
of leaders in takeover  
of Trading Post.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota

RM 8/3/73  
Pg. 27

Overheard MEANS  
instruct Indians on  
2/28/73, to take  
whatever they want  
from Trading Post.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Kansas

RM 5/18/73  
Pg. 115

Indicates that after  
arriving in Wounded  
Knee, members of group  
led by MEANS and BANKS  
broke into Trading  
Post.

SA  
SA

[redacted]

Overheard [redacted]  
[redacted] stated on  
2/22/73, MEANS will  
lead caravan to Pine  
Ridge, South Dakota,  
and if not allowed  
in will arm with  
rifles and firearms  
and will return to  
the reservation.

SA  
SA

[redacted]

Observations during  
AIM meeting - Mother  
Butler's Community  
Center, Rapid City,  
South Dakota, 2/21/73,  
at which MEANS and  
BANKS addressed  
audience. Also  
information regarding  
conversations with CLY  
BELLECOURT:

[redacted]

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OTHER POTENTIAL WITNESSES WHO  
MAY BE OF INTEREST TO  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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By letter dated October 12, 1973, from BEN HOLMAN, Director, Community Relations Service, United States Department of Justice, to CLARENCE KELLY, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, information is set forth listing the following Community Relations Service staff members who were detailed to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, during the dates indicated:

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u>	<u>PERIOD OF DETAIL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<div></div>	March 1 - 25, 1973	Department of Justice, <sup>b6</sup> CRS, Washington, D.C. <sup>b7C</sup>
	March 22-28, 1973	Department of Justice, CRS, Washington, D.C.
	March 8-13, 1973 April 3-8, 1973	Department of Justice, CRS, Washington, D.C.
	March 1-11, 1973	Department of Justice, CRS, Washington, D.C.
	May 7-12, 1973	Department of Justice, CRS, Washington, D.C.
	May 9-14, 1973	Department of Justice, CRS, Washington, D.C.

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5/11-25

7/24-27

8/9-11

Community Relations Service  
55 East Monroe  
Room 1440  
Chicago, Ill. 60603

3/26-30

4/9-21

2/20-3/3

3/16-30

4/18-28

5/7-11

3/19-23

5/7-11

3/1-31

Community Relations Service  
Federal Office Building  
909 First Avenue  
Room 6007  
Seattle, Washington 98104

3/6-28

Community Relations Service  
911 Walnut Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

3/6-28

4/19-5/8

3/29-4/10

5/7-9

Community Relations Service  
75 Piedmont Avenue, NE.  
Room 900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

4/9-22

Community Relations Service<sup>b6</sup>  
U.S. Customs House<sup>b7C</sup>  
Room 309  
2nd & Chestnut Sts.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

4/9-29

4/9-22

5/7-16

Community Relations Service  
100 Mission Street  
Room 703  
San Francisco, Calif. 94105

3/21-4/1

3/28-4/6

4/12-14

4/1-5/9

3/30-4/10

Community Relations Service  
Main P.O. Building  
Room 278  
1823 Stout Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

4/15-5/19

3/30-4/10

4/14-5/8

4/9-17

Community Relations Service  
U.S. Customs & Court House  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10007

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Community Relations Service  
U.S. Customs & Court House  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10007

The following persons, no longer employed by CRS, were detailed to  
Pine Ridge prior to termination of their services with CRS:

3/20-31

Maryland 20930

3/20-31

California 93721

3/30-4/8

Texas 75238

4/11-21

Texas 75206

3/6-10

3/28-4/6

Illinois 60625

4/2-11

4/27-5/8

Texas 75228

4/3-17

5/7-15

New York 10029

2/24-3/11

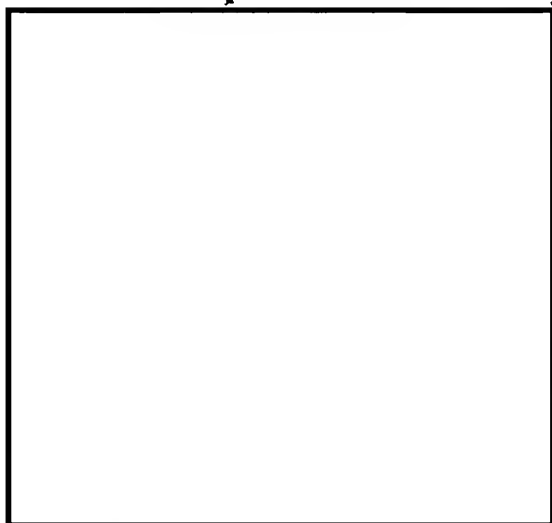
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[Redacted] Virginia 22030

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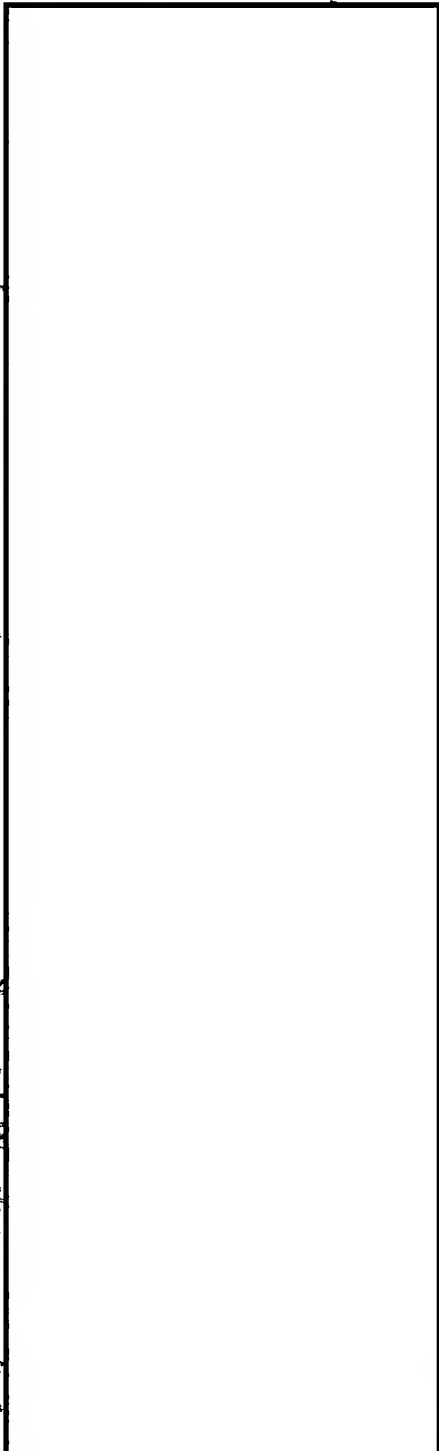
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[Redacted] Virginia 22312


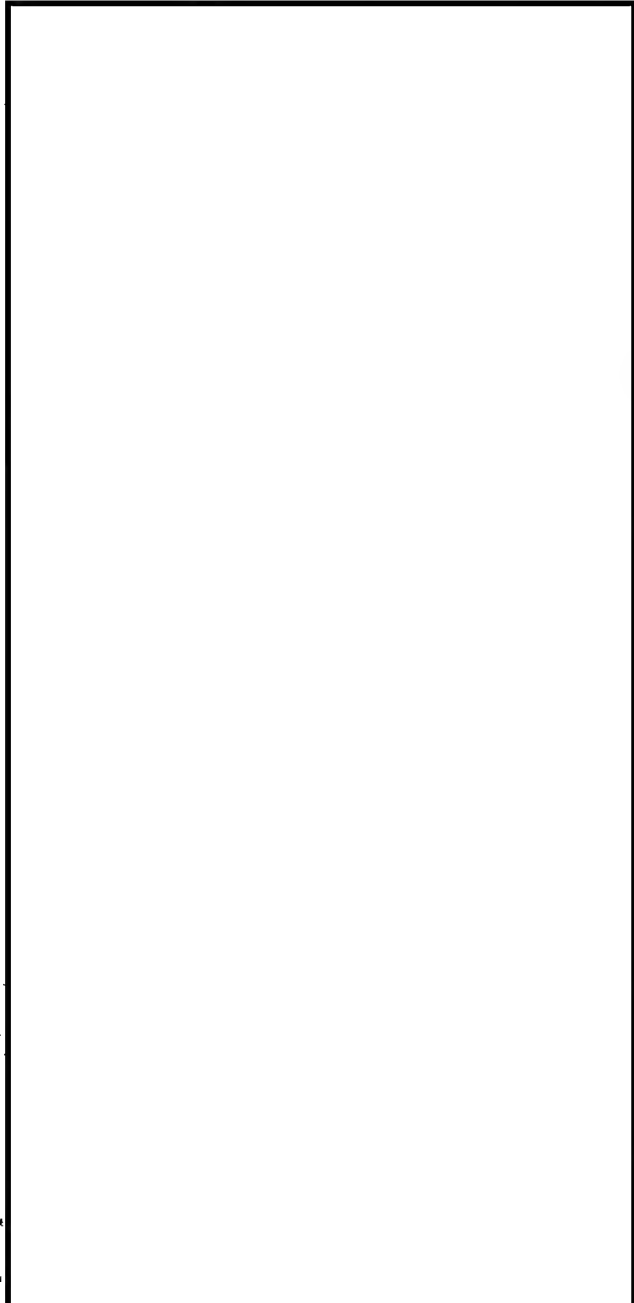


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The following individuals were authorized to pass through Federal roadblocks for entrance into or departure from Wounded Knee on the dates indicated. Since their movement was legal, no investigative reports were prepared upon their departure as to their activities or observations while at Wounded Knee. Only those whose residence address or business affiliation was recorded are hereinafter listed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE AT WOUNDED KNEE</u>
	Associated Press	March 5, 1973
	Associated Press	March 5, 1973
	National Lawyers Guild	March 5, 1973
PAUL A. BOE	The American Lutheran Church	March 5, 1973
	CBS Television	March 5, 1973
	NBC Television	March 5, 1973
	The Indian Voice	March 5, 1973
	The Indian Voice	March 5, 1973
	The Militant	March 5, 1973
	The Denver Post	March 5, 1973
	United Press International	March 5, 1973
	Chicago Tribune	March 5, 1973
	United Press International	March 5, 1973
	Minneapolis Star	March 5, 1973
	ABC Television	March 5, 1973
	ABC Television	March 5, 1973
	ABC Television	March 5, 1973
	United Press International	March 5, 1973
CBS Television	March 5, 1973	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE AT WOUNDED KNEE</u>
	CBS Television	March 5, 1973
	CBS Television	March 5, 1973
	NBC News Chicago	March 5, 1973
	BBC News London	March 5, 1973
	Rocky Mountain News	March 5, 1973
(FNU) HERNANDEZ	Justice Department	March 1, 1973
	Associated Press	March 2, 1973
	Associated Press	March 3, 1973
	KLS Radio Rapid City, South Dakota	March 3, 1973
	Associated Press	March 3, 1973
	Associated Press	March 3, 1973
	Indian Press	March 3, 1973
	WBBM Rapid City, South Dakota	March 3, 1973
	Colorado Bar Association	March 4, 1973
	Black Hills 	March 4, 1973
		
	Senator JAMES ABOUREZK Staff	March 5, 1973

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ADDRESS

DATE AT  
WOUNDED KNEE

Senator JAMES  
ABOUREZK Staff

March 5, 1973

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Senator JAMES  
ABOUREZK Staff

March 5, 1973

Senator GEORGE  
MC GOVERN Staff

March 5, 1973

Senator GEORGE  
MC GOVERN Staff

March 5, 1973

Soviet Union  
Press Corps

March 12, 1973

NBC Television

March 13, 1973

ABC Television

March 13, 1973

CBS Television

March 13, 1973

NBC Television

March 15, 1973

Iowa State Press

March 17, 1973

Iowa State Press  
Corps

March 17, 1973

Iowa State Press  
Corps

March 17, 1973

National Council  
of Churches

March 17, 1973

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National Council  
of Churches

March 17, 1973

National Council  
of Churches

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of Churches

March 17, 1973

National Council  
of Churches

March 17, 1973

National Council  
of Churches

March 17, 1973

CBS News

March 20, 1973

Ebony Magazine

March 22, 1973

United States  
Medical Health  
Association

March 22, 1973

United States  
Medical Health  
Association

March 22, 1973

United States Public  
Health Service

March 23, 1973

United States Public  
Health Service

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DATE AT  
WOUNDED KNEE

United States Public  
Health Service

March 23, 1973

NBC News

March 24, 1973

[REDACTED]

Arizona

April 1, 1973

[REDACTED]

South Dakota

April 4, 1973

United Press  
International

April 5, 1973

United Press  
International

April 5, 1973

Associated Press

April 5, 1973

Associated Press

April 5, 1973

NBC Television

April 5, 1973

NBC Television

April 5, 1973

NBC Television

April 5, 1973

New York Times

April 5, 1973

American Indian  
Press Association

April 5, 1973

CBS Television

April 5, 1973

CBS Television

April 5, 1973

CBS Television

April 5, 1973

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FBI Informant Reference



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None of the witnesses listed in the previous sections of this report are former or present FBI informants except:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota

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VII. EVIDENCE

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General Evidence

Under caption [redacted] Crime-on  
Indian Reservation - Burglary; Larceny; Kidnaping; Arson;  
Conspiracy; Obstructing Federal Officers; Antiriot Laws;  
National Firearms Act; Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor  
Vehicle; Assaulting Federal Officers," Bureau file 70-58411,  
Minneapolis file 70-6832, a report dated 11/9/73, was prepared  
in order to consolidate all available information concerning  
evidence collected at Wounded Knee, S.D., and vicinity;  
evidence control information, itemizing and indicating the  
present location of such evidence; FD 302's pertaining to  
recovery; and FD 302's relating to the identification and recovery  
value of the evidence by owners of such items.

Copies of this report have been disseminated to the  
United States Attorney, District of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, S.D.

This report is voluminous, and to repeat the information  
in instant report would be unwieldy, impractical, and generally,  
not feasible.

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Television News Films

The following television news film pertaining to the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from February 27, 1973, to May 8, 1973, was furnished under subpoena to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI):

1. On April 27, 1973, SAMUEL ANTAR, Director, Legal and Business Affairs, ABC News, 7 West 66th Street, New York City, New York, furnished two canisters of 16 mm film.

2. On April 27, 1973, [REDACTED] Department, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, New York, furnished 3 canisters of 16 mm film.

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3. On May 2, 1973, [REDACTED] CBS, Incorporated, 51 West 52nd Street, New York City, New York, furnished two reels of 2" video tape. The information on the 2" video tape was transferred to 16 mm film by BYRON Motion Picture Laboratory, 65 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington Field Office, Washington, D.C., compared the 2" video tape with the 16 mm copy, and he determined that the 16mm film was an authentic reproduction of the video tape in regards to the information pertaining to the events at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

A review of the 16 mm films by Special Agents of the FBI revealed several sequences depicting the presence of AIM leaders RUSSELL MEANS, CARTER CAMP, LEONARD CROW DOG, CLYDE BELLECOURT, STANLEY HOLDER, and DENNIS BANKS at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. The films have been viewed by United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, and the films have been made available to him for trial purposes.

Photographs

On April 30, 1973, [REDACTED] UPI, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City, New York, furnished the FBI with 148 UPI photographs pertaining to the AIM occupation

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of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, from February 27, 1973, to May 8, 1973. Several of these photographs depict AIM leaders RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, LEONARD CROW DOG, STANLEY HOLDER, CLYDE BELLECOURT, and CARTER CAMP.

United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has reviewed these photographs and at his request, three copies each of 72 of the photographs are being furnished to him for trial purposes.

In addition to the UPI photographs, 306 photographs taken by Special Agents of the FBI during and immediately after the AIM occupation of Wounded Knee were viewed by United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON. These photographs depict: (1) views of Wounded Knee taken from the Government roadblocks; (2) the Government roadblocks; (3) damage to Government vehicles as a result of having been fired upon; (4) the bunkers constructed inside Wounded Knee during the AIM occupation; (5) items recovered which had been taken from the Trading Post in Wounded Knee during the AIM occupation; (6) ammunition and fire bombs abandoned inside Wounded Knee after the AIM occupation ended, and (7) the destruction of property inside Wounded Knee during the AIM occupation.

At the request of United States Attorney WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, three copies each of 176 of the above-described photographs are being furnished to him for trial purposes.

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Information that Wounded Knee Trading Post incorporated 11/14/69, at Pierre, S. D.  
T/A Sioux, Inc. <sup>b6</sup>  
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CLIVE GILDERSLEEVE  
Rushville, Nebraska  
(303) 327-2713

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Information regarding title for vehicle - [REDACTED]

STANLEY D. LYMAN  
Supt.  
Pine Ridge Indian Agency  
BIA  
Pine Ridge, S. D.

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Information received that AIM members were coming to Pine Ridge in force  
Court order regarding U.S. Marshals  
Can testify regarding Indian boundaries

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Provided map of Wounded Knee area during AIM occupation

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Oglala Sioux Tribal Court  
Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

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Made available a certified copy of the court order of 2/9/73, requesting the immediate presence of U.S. Marshals and other Federal officers

SA [REDACTED]  
FBI, Omaha

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Notebook of [REDACTED] found in GILDERSLEEVE residence, Wounded Knee describing events at Wounded Knee

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List of demands given SAC JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH by [REDACTED] C.R.S. as received from RUSSELL MEANS.



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IX. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO  
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Newspaper Articles Regarding AIM Events Prior to Wounded Knee

A review of publications of the "Rapid City Journal," Rapid City, South Dakota, was made regarding items pertaining to local and near-by events pre-dating the Wounded Knee takeover. Pertinent articles are summarized below regardless of the fact that most were not written under by-lines.

Article entitled "AIM Asked to 'Put Freeze on City' For 'Mistreatment of Indian Veterans'," appears on page three of the January 5, 1973, issue. Substance: Article states RON PETITE, Executive Director of the Sioux Indian Emergency Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rapid City, has contacted DENNIS J. BANKS, National Field Director of AIM, and asked him to "put a freeze on the whole town of Rapid City". Article lists business, Federal, State, and local agencies as targets of the freeze because of their mistreatment of Indians, especially veterans.

Article entitled "Means Will Seek Oglala Presidency," appears on page six of the January 9, 1973, issue. Substance: The national coordinator of the Trail of Broken Treaties, RUSSELL MEANS, stated he will be a candidate for the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in November's primary election. If elected, he will propose to abolish the office of tribal president and current tribal Government organizations. He will ask Oglala people to form Oglala Constitution and an Oglala form of Government.

Article entitled "Meet Set Friday to Re-activate Big Foot Claims," appears on page two of the January 10, 1973, issue. Substance: An organizational meeting for the relatives and descendants of Indians involved in the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre will be held Friday, announced by JOHNSON HOLY ROCK, former Sioux president. Purpose of meeting is to reactivate Big Foot Claims Council, incorporated in 1948, to prosecute claims against U.S. Government for injuries, death and property loss as result of Wounded Knee Massacre.

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Article entitled "AIM Charges Follow Police Charges," appears on page one of the January 15, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM field director, RUSSELL MEANS, said he was beaten by Scottsbluff Police Officer after he was jailed Saturday night. MEANS, along with EDGAR BEAR RUNNER, was jailed after police answered a second call to quiet down a private party at the Park Motel in Scottsbluff. MEANS charged with intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and carrying a concealed weapon. DENNIS J. BANKS, national field officer of AIM called all thirty-five chapters of AIM to report to Scottsbluff "prepared to liberate AIM officials."

Article entitled "Another AIM Leader Arrested in Scottsbluff," appears on page two of the January 16, 1973, issue. Substance: The Nebraska Director of AIM, JOHN TWO BIRDS ARBUCKLE, along with LEROY CASADOS, were arrested when police found gasoline and other material for making Molotov cocktails, three automatic weapons, a club, and marijuana in CASADOS' van. Earlier in the evening eighty Indians and some Mexican-Americans marched in Scottsbluff City Hall where KEITH MATZKE, Head of the Scottsbluff AIM Chapter, asked to file a formal complaint of police harassment.

Article entitled "Minority Confrontations Quieter in Scottsbluff," appears on page two of the January 17, 1973, issue. Substance: Situation quieter after three days of confrontations. Indians hold news conference opened by LEONARD CROW DOG - MEANS says "We took on the Federal Government and we're not scared of the pigs in Scotts Bluff County."

Article entitled "AIM Calling Indians to Custer Rights Day," appears on page two of the January 30, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM National Field Director, DENNIS BANKS, declared Custer as the focal point for a National Day of Indian Rights on February 6, 1973. BANKS designated February 6, 1973, as "a good day to die," and the date coincides with a preliminary hearing on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of an Indian man from Hot Springs.

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Article entitled "Indian Group Claims 'Rampant Discrimination'," appears on page two of the February 2, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM official, DENNIS BANKS, opened meeting of the Rapid City Indian Civil Rights Task Force by comparing Senator GEORGE MC GOVERN with General Custer and invited MC GOVERN to Custer on February 6, 1973, to lead the charge of the old Seventh Calvary and be defeated again. The group listed examples of racial discrimination against Indians in Rapid City.

Article entitled "Indians List Discrimination Complaints," written by HAROLD HIGGINS, Journal Staff Writer, appears on page three of the February 3, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM leader DENNIS BANKS opened meeting of Rapid City Civil Rights Task Force hearings on job and housing discrimination. Other moderators included HERB POWLESS, AIM leader from Milwaukee, and Attorney RAY HABER from the Native American Rights Fund of Denver.

Article entitled "More Testimony Scheduled Sunday on Indian Rights," appears on page two of the February 4, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS and AARON DE SERSA, JR., as primary witnesses claim discrimination against Veterans Administration Hospital and arrests of Indian population.

Article entitled "AIM Leaders Say Caravans Custer Bound," appears on page one of the February 7, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM states 1,500 Indians will be in Custer Thursday or Friday. It said caravans are coming from Oklahoma, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, and Nebraska.

Article entitled "Indians Face Variety of Charges," appears on page one of the February 7, 1973, issue. Substance: Twenty-two Indians arrested at Custer Tuesday will be charged with "inciting to riot, obstructing justice, assaulting a police officer, destroying public property and arson.

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Article entitled "Banks Issues 'Call to Arms' Guard in Custer," appears on page one of the February 9, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM leader DENNIS BANKS stated "As long as the militia is allowed to go on the rampage in Custer and threaten every Indian's life with arms, then AIM will not consider anyone in Custer innocent. Indians throughout a 10 state area are being called to arms to join in the protest," BANKS said in a prepared statement.

Article entitled "Violence Flares in City; 16 Hurt, 40 Arrested," appears on page one of the February 10, 1973, issue. Substance: Several people hurt and forty arrested after a fracas involving Indians and non-Indians erupted in four Main Street bars. AIM leaders DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS say outbreak not planned by them.

Article entitled "AIM Leader Speaks at Church," appears on page three of the February 12, 1973, issue. RUSSELL MEANS, AIM leader, accompanied by twenty-five Indians, spoke during an open forum between the Sunday morning services at First United Methodist Church; spoke about AIM organization in 1968, and outlined purposes of AIM.

Article entitled "AIM Angry With Council; Midwest Conference Continues Here," appears on page one of the February 13, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM leaders lifted curfew and "cease-fire" in the Black Hills Monday because of "city council attempts to intimidate AIM" - CARTER CAMP, Oklahoma AIM leader, and approximately 200 AIM members in Rapid City for convention.

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Article entitled "Ministerial Group, AIM Leaders Study Problems in City," appears on page three of the February 15, 1973, issue. Substance: Thirty members of the Rapid City Ministerial Association met with AIM leaders including CLYDE and VERNON BELLECOURT. AIM leaders urged the clergy to take a more active leadership and explain Indians problem to white men.

Article entitled "Central Students Hear Indian Movement Goals," appears on page three of the February 16, 1973, issue. Substance: Approximately 1,000 students at Rapid City Central High School attended a speech by AIM leader DENNIS BANKS Thursday morning. BANKS spoke for approximately an hour and followed with a fifteen minute question and answer period. Some students walked out of meeting and shouting match started after a student asked if Indians demanded preferential treatment.

Article entitled "Pine Ridge Conspiracy Charge Made," appears on page one of the February 17, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM National Director, VERNON BELLECOURT, claimed acts of conspiracy against U.S. Government, Interior Department, BIA, and RICHARD WILSON acting against AIM.

Article entitled "Roubideaux Accuses Lytle of Bad Faith, Bigotry," appears on page one of the February 19, 1973, issue. Substance: RAMON A. ROUBIDEAUX, Rapid City Attorney for AIM, criticized LARRY LYTLE, President of the Rapid City Common Council, in a stalemate for what he termed bad faith and insensitivity to racial problems in the city.

Article entitled "Group Evicted From Motel, Police Confiscate Weapons," appears on page three of the February 21, 1973, issue. Substance: The Manager of the Imperial 400 Motel asked City Council for help to evict a group of AIM members who had run up bills totaling nearly \$2,500. Police evicted the AIM members and confiscated several clubs, knives, two guns, and a crossbow. No arrests were made.



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Article entitled "AIM Caravan Said Going to Pine Ridge," appears on page one of the February 25, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM leader VERNON BELLECOURT said an AIM caravan will leave Rapid City Sunday to travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation "in response to requests from the people of Pine Ridge." BELLECOURT said, "I understand there is an armed camp awaiting us, but AIM has always responded to a request from the Indian people and we are going."

Article entitled "Indians Control, Hold 9 Hostages at Wounded Knee," appears on page one of the February 28, 1973, issue. Substance: Nearly 200 Indians were in control of Wounded Knee. CARTER CAMP, AIM spokesman, said hostages had not been hurt and were in no danger "unless the police come in here and try to annihilate us." Demands include an investigation of the dealings of BIA and the Department of Interior with the Oglala Sioux.

Article entitled "Current Reservation Trouble Has a Long History," appears on page one of the February 28, 1973, issue. Substance: Article outlines past history of reservation trouble which began to crystalize November 2, 1973, and summarizes major disputes.



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Newspaper Accounts Relative to Wounded Knee

A review of publications of the "Rapid City Journal," Rapid City, South Dakota, was made in reference to items that may have value to prosecutors in regard to Wounded Knee. Only those articles bearing by-lines, indicating first-hand knowledge, were selected to be included in this report.

Article entitled "Mayor Vows Action on Racial Complaints," written by HAROLD HIGGINS, Journal Staff writer, appears on page one of the February 8, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM leader DENNIS BANKS makes statement "We're going to burn down those racist towns," referring to action to be taken by AIM against towns discriminating against Indians - after incident at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

Article entitled "Rights Resolution Passed," written by BOB FELL, Journal Staff writer, appears on pages one and two of the February 21, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS makes statement "The bells of peace will not ring tomorrow. We'll see you in the streets." Statement made to Rapid City Common Council at meeting between Council members and AIM members on night of February 20, 1973.

Article entitled "Observer Describes Takeover," written by WALTER FISK of Washington, D.C., Bureau Chief of U.S. News Service, appears on pages one and two of the March 1, 1973, issue. Substance: Author describes takeover at Wounded Knee - makes specific reference to RUSSELL MEANS stating "We've got the whole Wounded Knee valley here." "We have secured it and we're definitely going to hold it until death do us part." MEANS continues by describing AIM's demands.

Article entitled "Fire Bombing Tempers Optimism at Wounded Knee," written by LYN GLADSTONE, West River Editor of Rapid City Journal, appears on pages one and two of the March 2, 1973, issue. Substance: Article states that DON POLOVICH, Journal Photographer, was at meeting with Senators JAMES ABOUREZK and GEORGE MC GOVERN at the RIEGERT's in Wounded Knee. He reported seeing many weapons and some of the dugouts and trenches which had been dug around Sacred Heart Church.

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Article entitled "Wounded Knee Situation Tense," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, appears on pages one and two of the March 3, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS said Indian leaders did not want to face kidnapping charges. "I can see two or three years in jail, but I can't see 17 years," said BANKS in reference to the minimum sentence for kidnapping in South Dakota.

Article entitled "Lawyers Meet with Indians," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, Associated Press (AP), appears on pages one and two of the March 4, 1973, issue. Substance: Author states AIM leader, RUSSELL MEANS, urged the Indians at Wounded Knee to keep their discipline and also warned his followers not to waste their shots.

Article entitled "New Peace Talks Set with Indians," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 5, 1973, issue. Substance: Article makes reference to CARTER CAMP, DENNIS BANKS, and RUSSELL MEANS burning Government proposal to end armed standoff. (Picture showing BANKS and MEANS with MEANS holding burning paper.)

Article entitled "Inside Wounded Knee Village - Armed Clash Never Far From Indians Minds," written by JAMES WILSON, AP writer, appears on page three of March 5, 1973, issue. Substance: Article describes weapons in possession of Indians, firefights, mentions RUSSELL MEANS, shooting at Air National Guard Planes overhead, mentions shooting a cow by Indians and their attempting to skin it.

Article entitled "Village Evacuation Underway," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on page one of March 8, 1973, issue. Substance: Remaining hostages were evacuating Wounded Knee - CARTER CAMP, spokesman for AIM states reinforcements were on the way.

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Article entitled "Sioux Donned War Paint - Wounded Knee Residents Moved Before Deadline," written by LYN GLADSTONE, West River Editor, appears on page one of March 9, 1973, issue. Substance: Article relates how author and Rapid City Journal Photographer, DON POLOVICH, made exit from Wounded Knee. Relates about Indians receiving war paint. CARTER CAMP said members of REIGERT and GILDERSLEEVE families who owned Wounded Knee Trading Post had given AIM option to buy for \$2.5 million. CARTER CAMP explains AIM's plans for future strategy and tells of people planning to come to Wounded Knee such as Reverend PHILLIP BERRIGAN.

Article entitled "Gun Battle Breaks Out - Indians Seek Removal of Lawmen at Wounded Knee," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 10, 1973, issue. Substance: Article tells about fire fight between Indians and lawmen. Quotes DENNIS BANKS telling why the Indians were rejecting the Government withdrawal time.

Article entitled "Indian Forces Determined Despite Food Shortage and Coughs," written by JOHN LINQUIST, AP writer, appears on page two of the March 10, 1973, issue. Describes conditions within Wounded Knee, tells about food shortages, quotes DENNIS BANKS as saying "We have to avenge those two brothers who were shot. We have to avenge them before we leave."

Article entitled "Indians Claim Victory Over Government," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on page one of the March 11, 1973, issue. Substance: Article quotes DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS' reactions to Government removing roadblocks.

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Article entitled "Wounded Knee Circumstances Jury Topic," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on page one of the March 12, 1973, issue. Substance: Article relates FBI Agent FITZGERALD shot. DENNIS BANKS quoted "The FBI is trying to provoke the situation." RUSSELL MEANS proclaims Wounded Knee was now the Oglala Sioux Nation, a Sovereign State. MEANS states "Any spies enter the village, they will be treated like spies everywhere and will face a firing squad...If any foreign official of any foreign country, specifically the United States, tries to enter the village, it will be treated as an act of war and treated accordingly." Indians hold Postal Inspectors. DENNIS BANKS states he is not obstructing justice.

Article entitled "Federal Authorities Re-establish Barriers Around Wounded Knee," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on page one of the March 13, 1973, issue. Substance: RUSSELL MEANS said in the 1868 Treaty, the Sioux were promised all the land west of the Missouri River in Dakota Territory which now includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Montana - "Now we want it," MEANS said.

Article entitled "Occupation Force Talks of Plans for 'Nation'," written by JAMES F. WILSON, AP writer, appears on page two of the March 13, 1973, issue. Substance: RUSSELL MEANS states as far as he is concerned, their nation is already at war with the U.S.

Article entitled "The Anatomy of Takeover at Wounded Knee," written by F. RICHARD CICCONE, AP, appears on page three of the March 18, 1973, issue. Substance: Article summarizes events at Wounded Knee, quotes DENNIS BANKS as saying "We counted on the Press getting in here to get national opinion on our side."

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Article entitled "Means Says Indians Plan To Issue 'Final Ultimatum'," written by TERRY WOOSTER, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 19, 1973, issue. Substance: MEANS said the Government offer proposed Saturday by Assistant U.S. Attorney General, HARLINGTON WOOD, "amounts to total capitulation, total surrender". STAN HOLDER, Chief of Indian Security Forces, said in part "We can never lay down our guns."

Article entitled "Indian Petitions Ask New Form of Government," written by TERRY WOOSTER, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 20, 1973, issue. Substance: RUSSELL MEANS announced he will be a candidate for Tribal Chairman.

Article entitled "Wounded Knee Gunfire Heavy," written by TERRY WOOSTER, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 23, 1973, issue. Substance: RUSSELL MEANS said at news conference 500 Sioux Indians to enter village Sunday to attend religious services. They will be armed with hunting equipment and will carry food supplies. If attempts are made to restrict their access, those efforts will be met with force.

Article entitled "Court Order Stops Cutting Off Wounded Knee Supplies," written by TERRY WOOSTER, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 26, 1973, issue. Substance: Article tells about Indians obtaining court order to allow food supplies for Indians at Wounded Knee. RUSSELL MEANS says a possible breakthrough in stalemate might be expected Monday.

Article entitled "Confusion Shrouds Wounded Knee Negotiations," written by HAROLD HIGGINS, Journal Staff writer, appears on page one of the March 28, 1973, issue. Substance: Article reported that RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS slipped out of Wounded Knee late Monday or early Tuesday. New negotiations planned at Rapid City.

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Article entitled "New Attempts Made To Set Up Talks," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on pages one and two of the March 29, 1973, issue. Substance: New talks are trying to be made but officials faced with problem of finding which leaders to deal with. MARK LANE, New York Attorney, arrives.

Article entitled "Reservation Negotiations Scheduled," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on page one of the March 31, 1973, issue. Substance: Negotiations scheduled for a meeting between Government and AIM to be held in a Teepee near the village.

Article entitled "Negotiations Could Be Settled Unless There is Interference," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on page one of the April 3, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS and CARTER CAMP not present at meetings of negotiators.

Article entitled "Signatures End Siege," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on page one of the April 6, 1973, issue. Substance: Siege reported ended - RUSSELL MEANS under arrest heads for Washington to meet with Federal officials - MEANS describes the agreement as a small victory for the Indians.

Article entitled "Means Unhappy With Bail Terms, But Sees Victory," written by LYN GLADSTONE and JACK WEAVER, Journal Staff writers, appears on page one of the April 6, 1973, issue. Substance: MEANS states his two and one-half hour closed hearing regarding his bail bond "shows that the white man still refuses to listen and the white people of Western South Dakota will have to deal with me, with my relatives and with all Indian people."

Article entitled "Indians Still Keeping Arms at Village," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on page one of the April 9, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS says the occupation force won't give up its weapons until the talks are completed.



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Article entitled "'Vision' Suggests New Proposal," written by TERRY DEVINE, AP, appears on page one of the April 11, 1973, issue. Substance: AIM gives new proposal to end Wounded Knee occupation based on vision of medicine man, LEONARD CROW DOG, to stack weapons.

Article entitled "Bellecourt Submits To Arrest: Bond Arraignment Set," written by LYN GLADSTONE, Journal West River Editor, appears on page one of the April 13, 1973, issue. Substance: CLYDE H. BELLECOURT came out of Wounded Knee to submit to arrest. BELLECOURT said he had been in Wounded Knee since the occupation started and that "I don't think it will be settled soon."

Article entitled "Nurse's Concern For Insurgents Unique in Reservation Area," written by JAMES WILSON, AP, appears on page two of the April 23, 1973, issue. Substance: Article describes interview with LYNAANE JACOB of Oakland, California, who acted as nurse for Indians in Wounded Knee - tells about living conditions in Wounded Knee (makes no mention about AIM leaders).

Article entitled "Government - AIM Negotiations Resume," written by TERRY DEVINE, appears on page one of the April 29, 1973, issue. Substance: DENNIS BANKS and LEONARD CROW DOG met for two hours with Interior Department Solicitor KENT FRIZZELL (no quotes from above-mentioned AIM leaders).

Article entitled "Signers of Agreement Optimistic," written by TERRY WOOSTER, AP, appears on page one of the May 7, 1973, issue. Substance: Article tells about first phase of a disarmament agreement. Refers to a letter written by DENNIS BANKS to AIM lawyer, RAMON ROUBIDEAUX, which reportedly stated in part, "It must be understood that AIM was called on to aid the Oglalas in their struggle against repressive Government forces."

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Article entitled "Different Emotions Swell at Wounded Knee Return," written by LYN GLADSTONE, West River Editor for Rapid City Journal, appears on pages one and two of the May 10, 1973, issue. Substance: Article describes conditions found at Wounded Knee after seige had ended. Reverend and Mrs. ORVILLE LANDSBERRY relate their experiences the night AIM took over the village.

Article entitled "Returning Wounded Knee Resident Says 'I Think I Will Cry to Death'," written by MARCIA DONNAN, Journal Women's Editor, appears on page two of the May 10, 1973, issue. Substance: Article relates interview with Mrs. MARTHA MOOSE, Wounded Knee resident, upon return to her home after siege.

Article entitled "Wounded Knee Residents Rebuild But Some Apprehension Remains," written by LYN GLADSTONE, West River Editor of Journal, appears on page three of the May 20, 1973, issue. Substance: Article describes aftermath of occupation and cleanup efforts. Interviews some Wounded Knee residents who relate their losses and experiences with AIM people during the siege. Mr. GEORGE COATS tells of seeing AIM people armed with AK-47 weapon while attempting to advance on his home. Others tell of cattle killing by AIM people.



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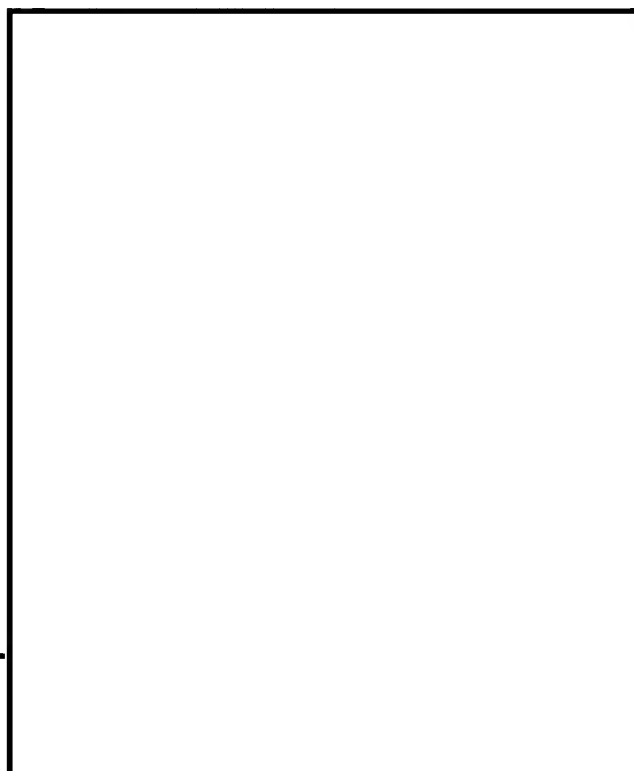
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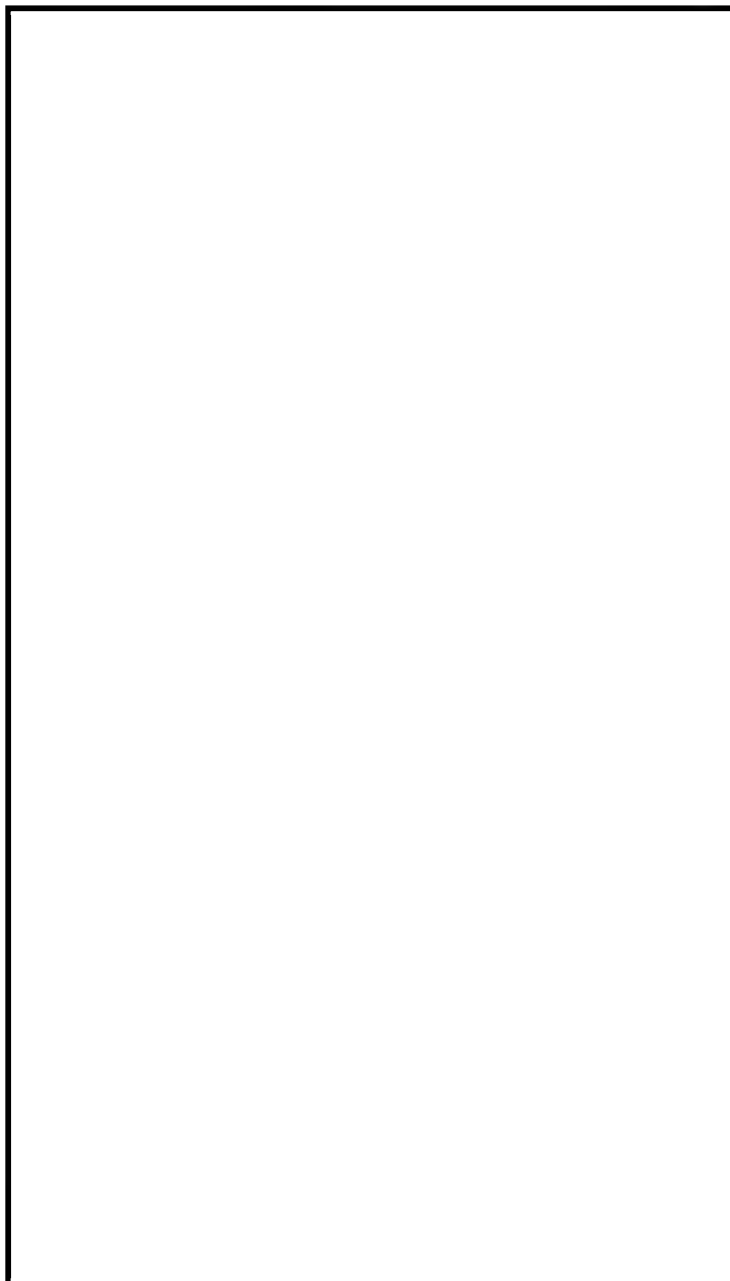
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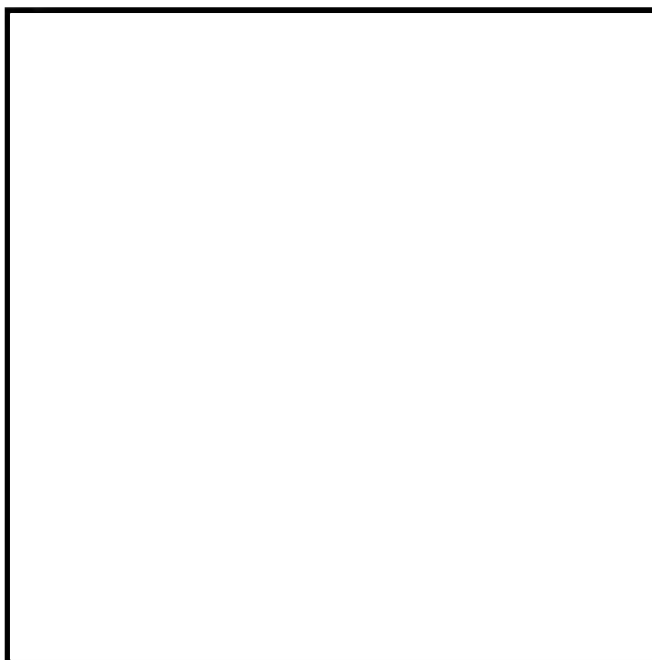
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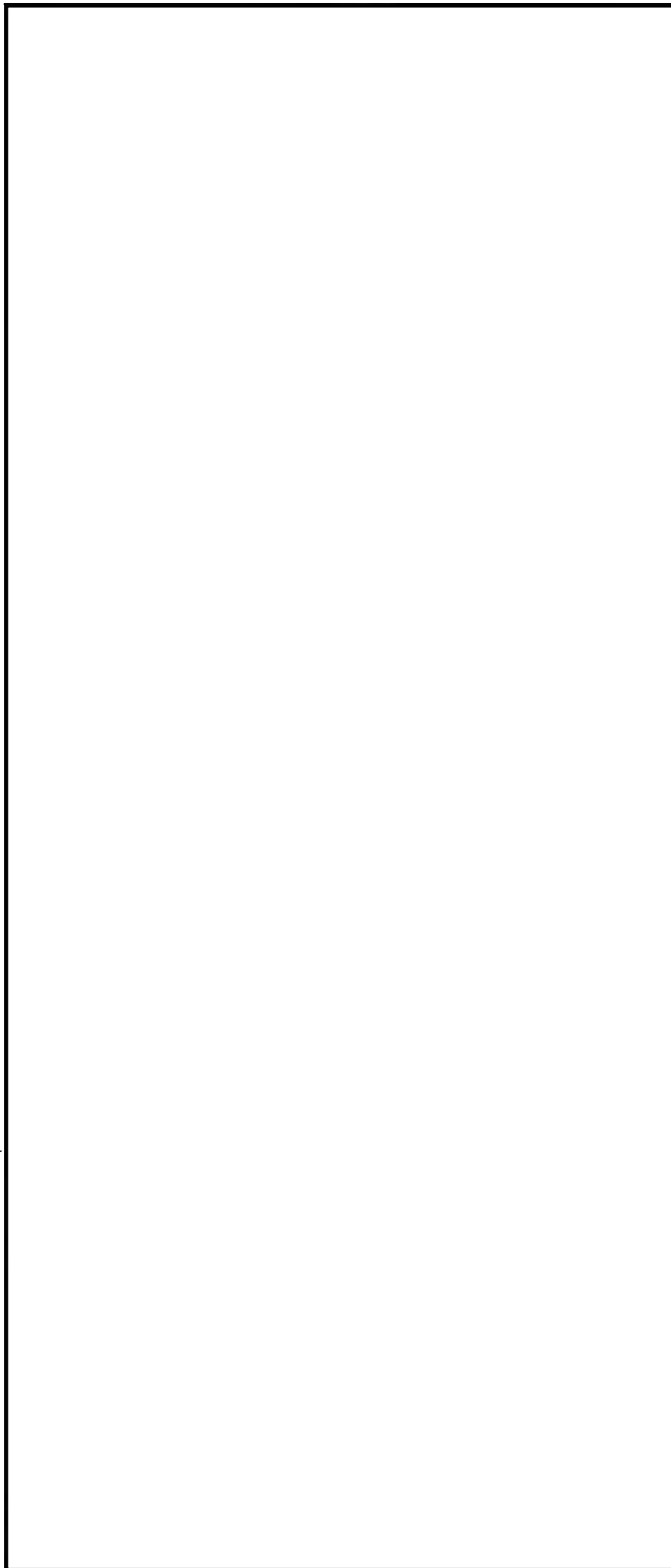
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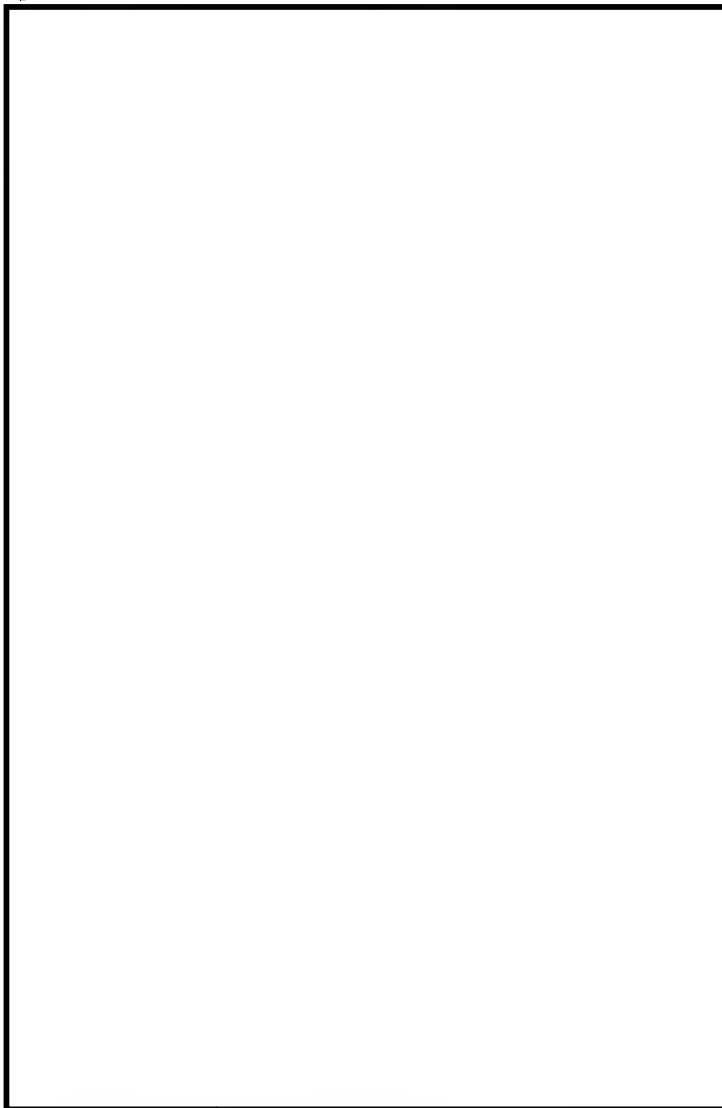
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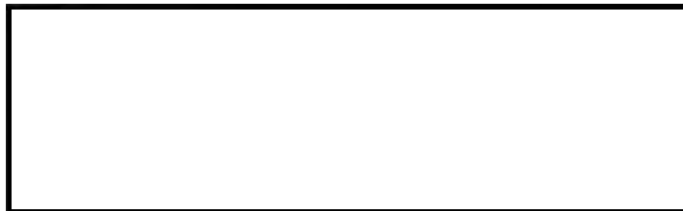
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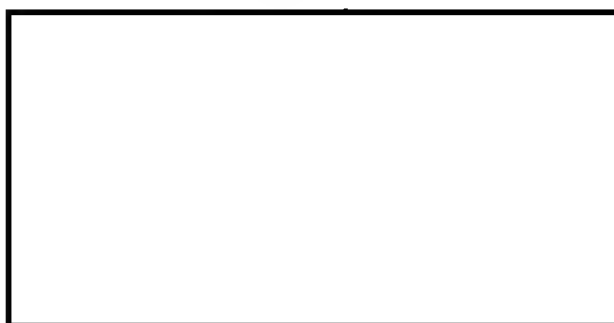
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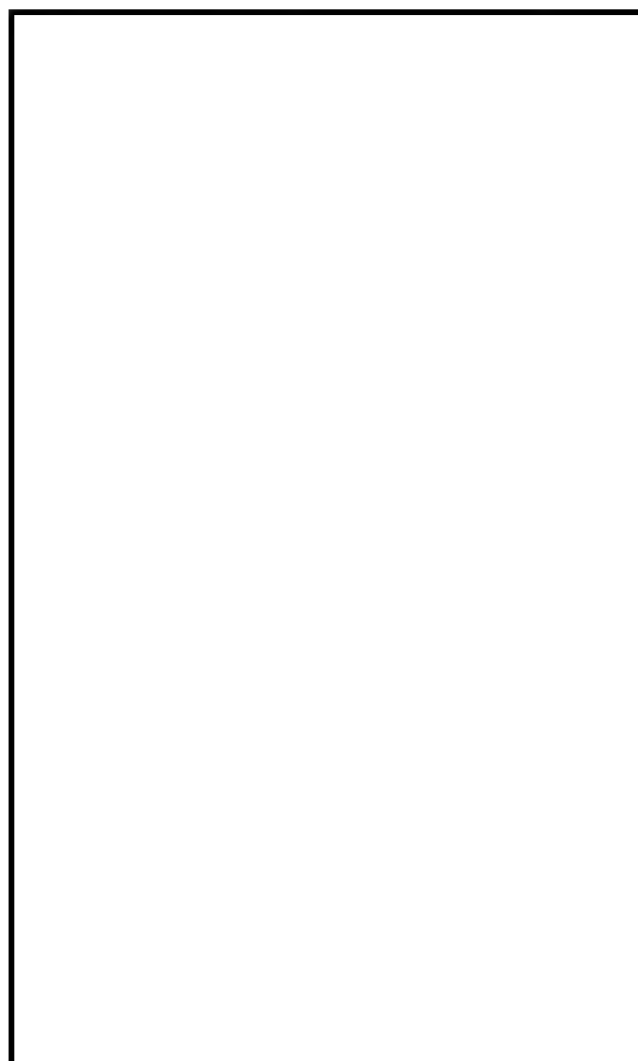
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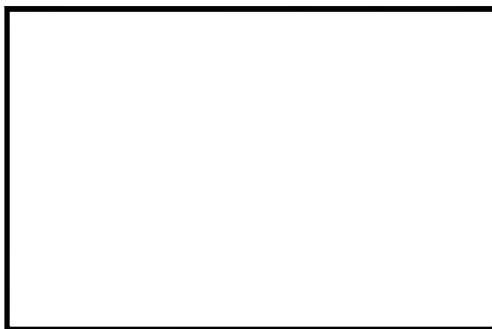
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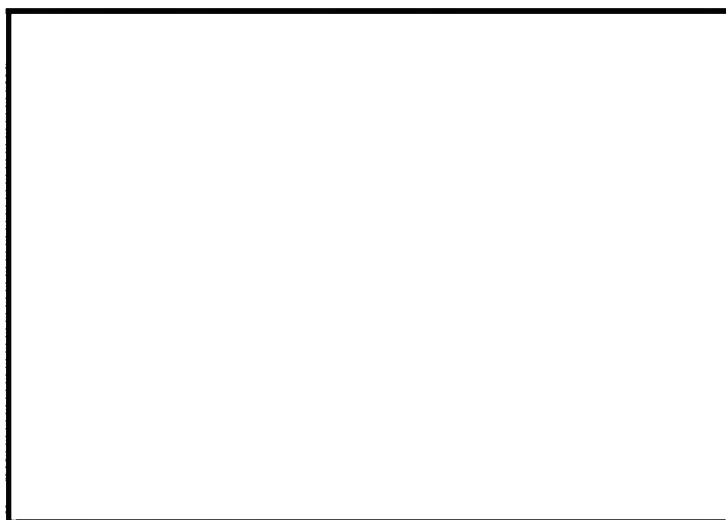
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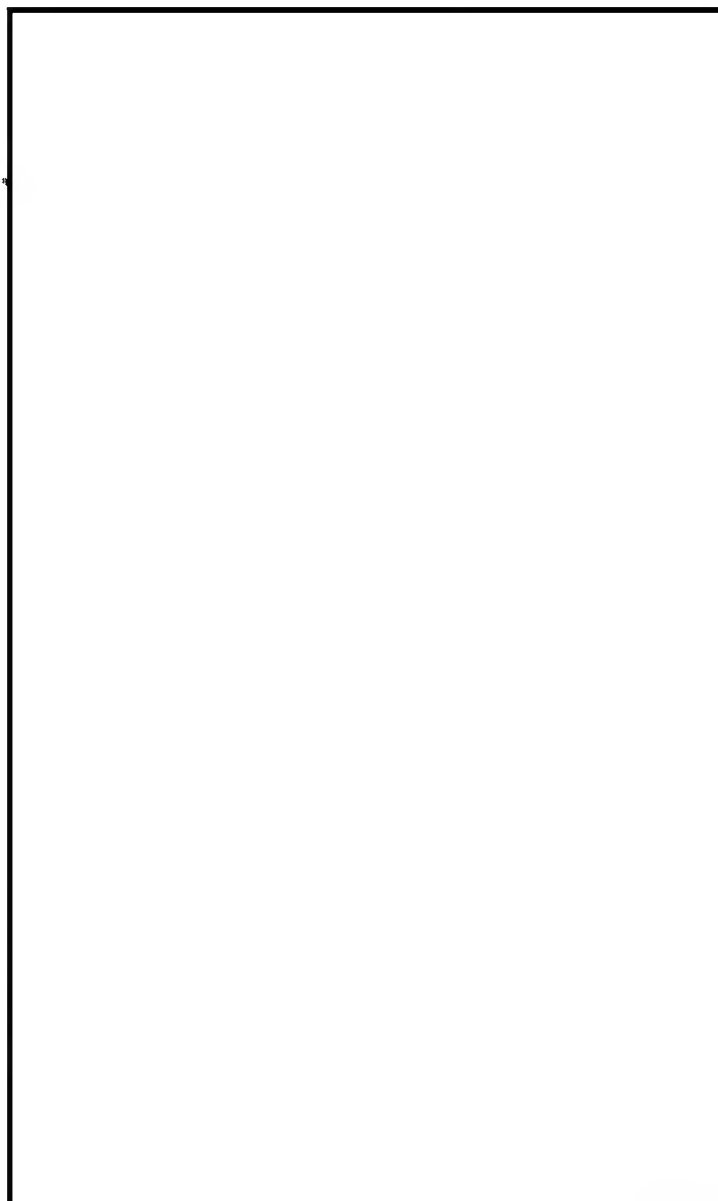


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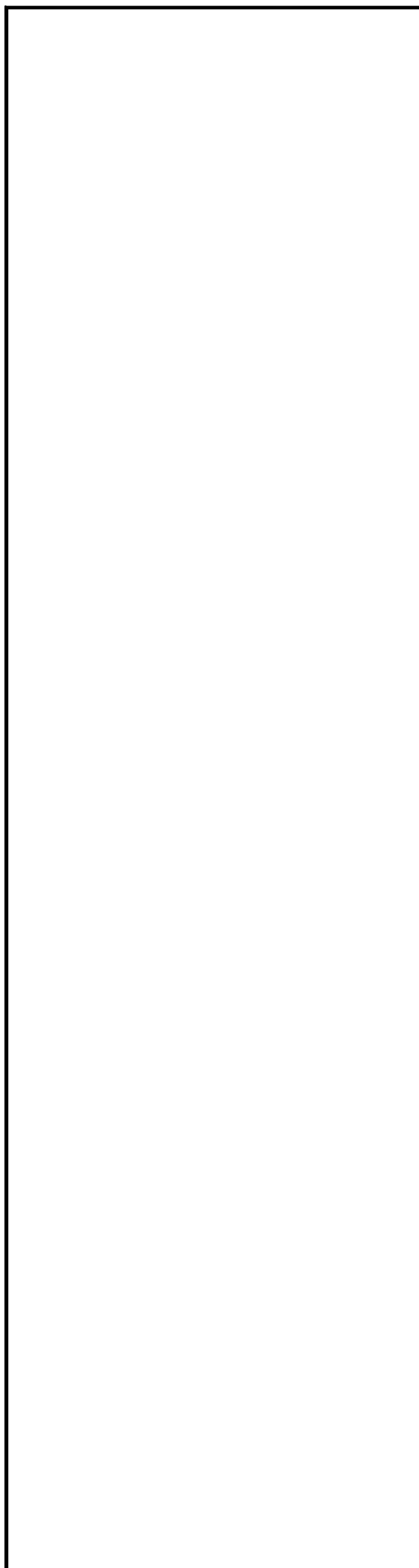
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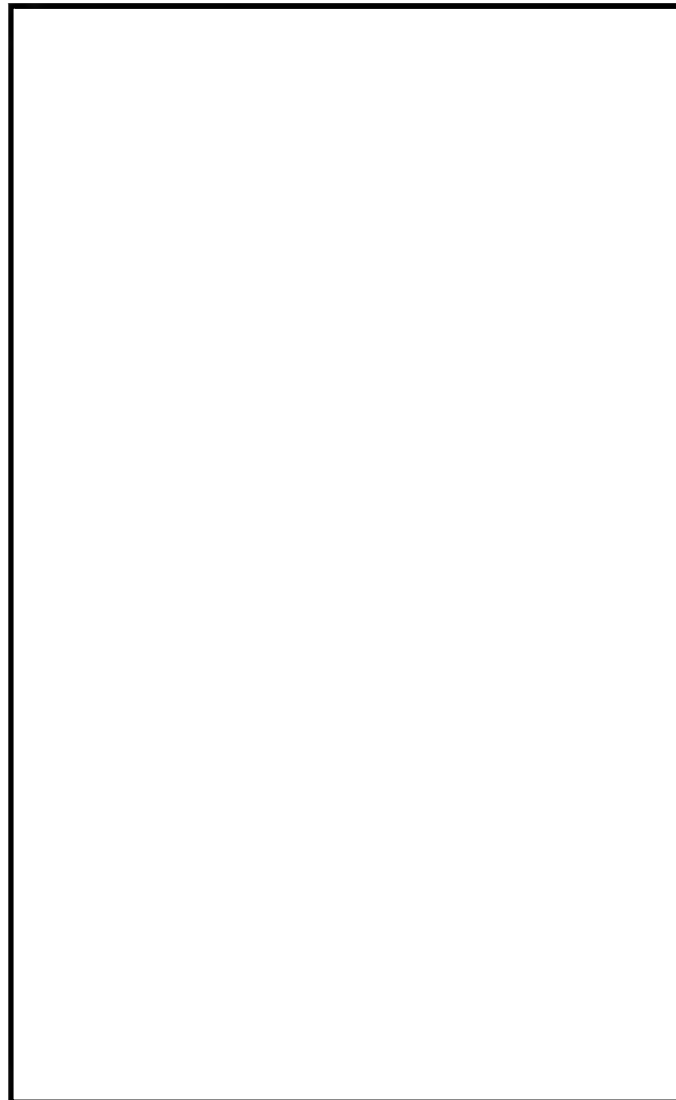
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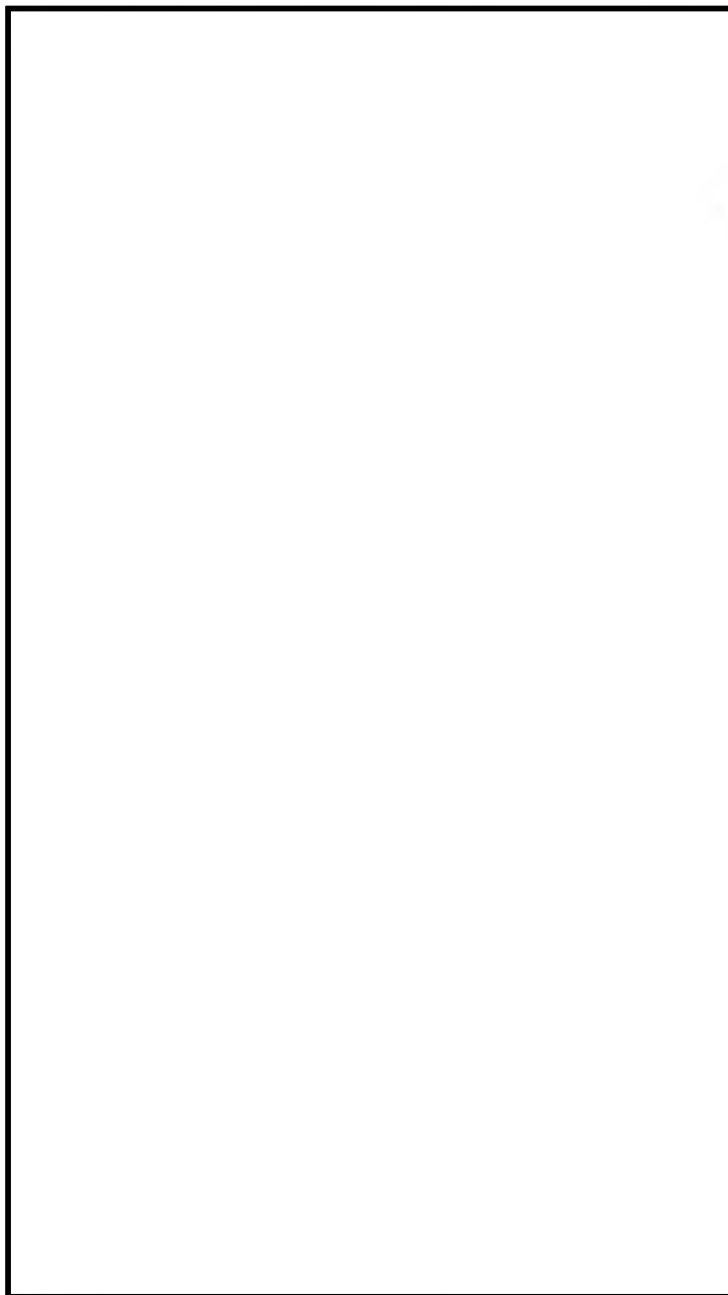
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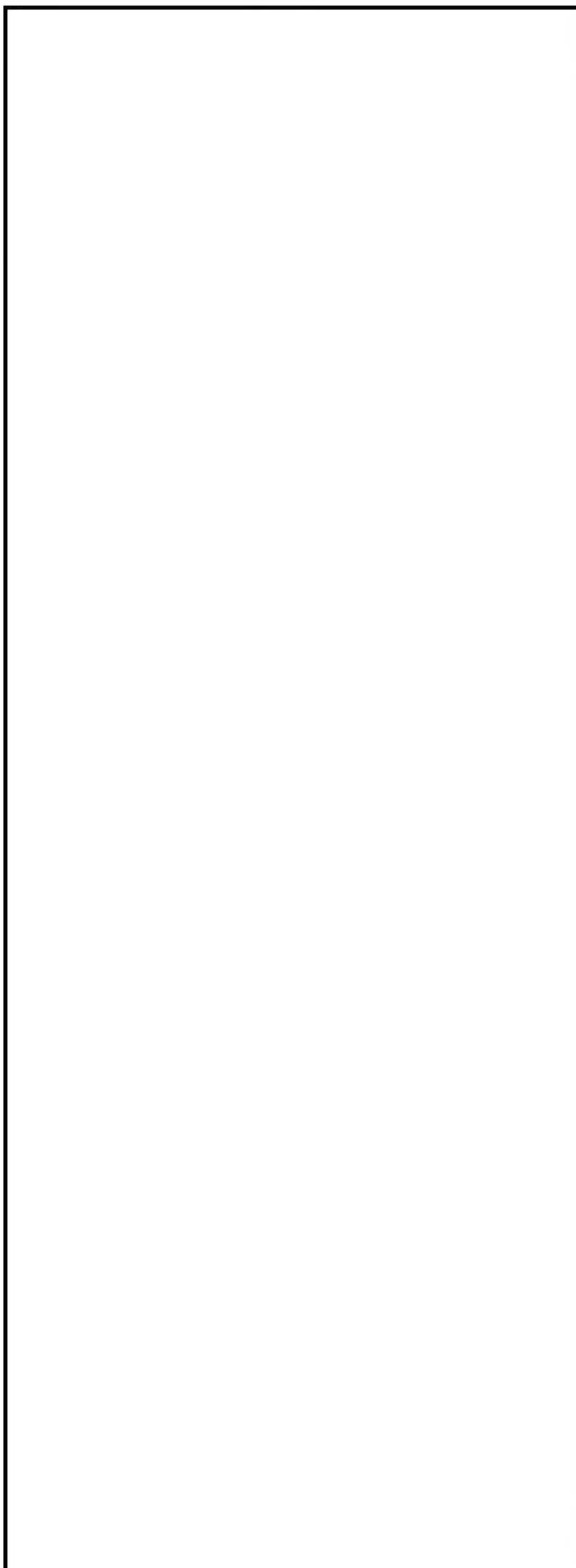
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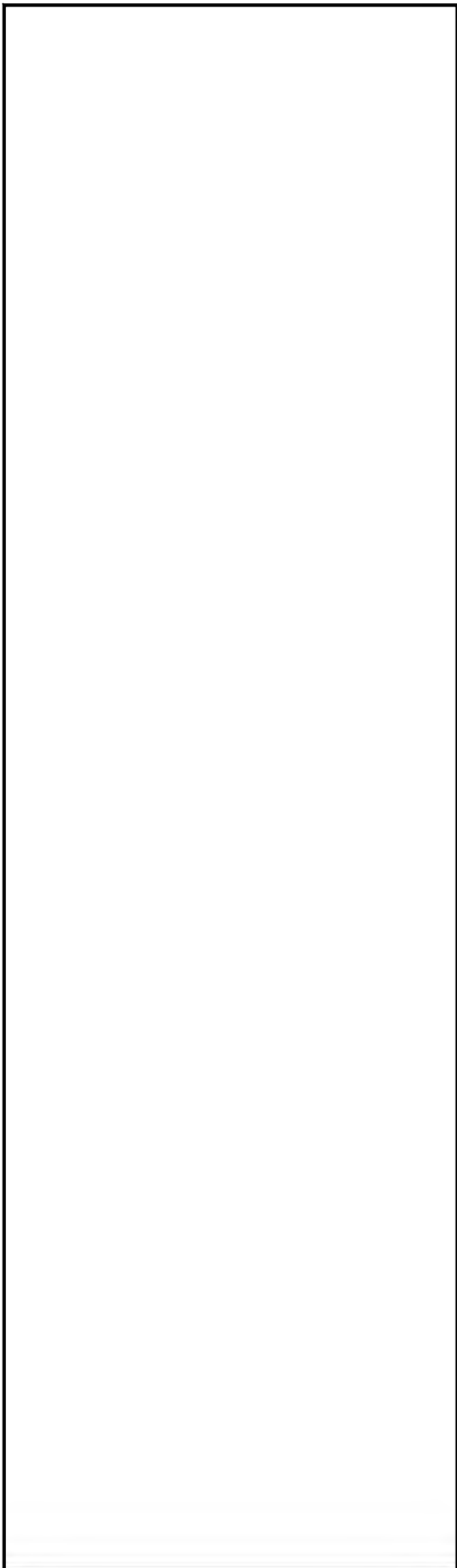
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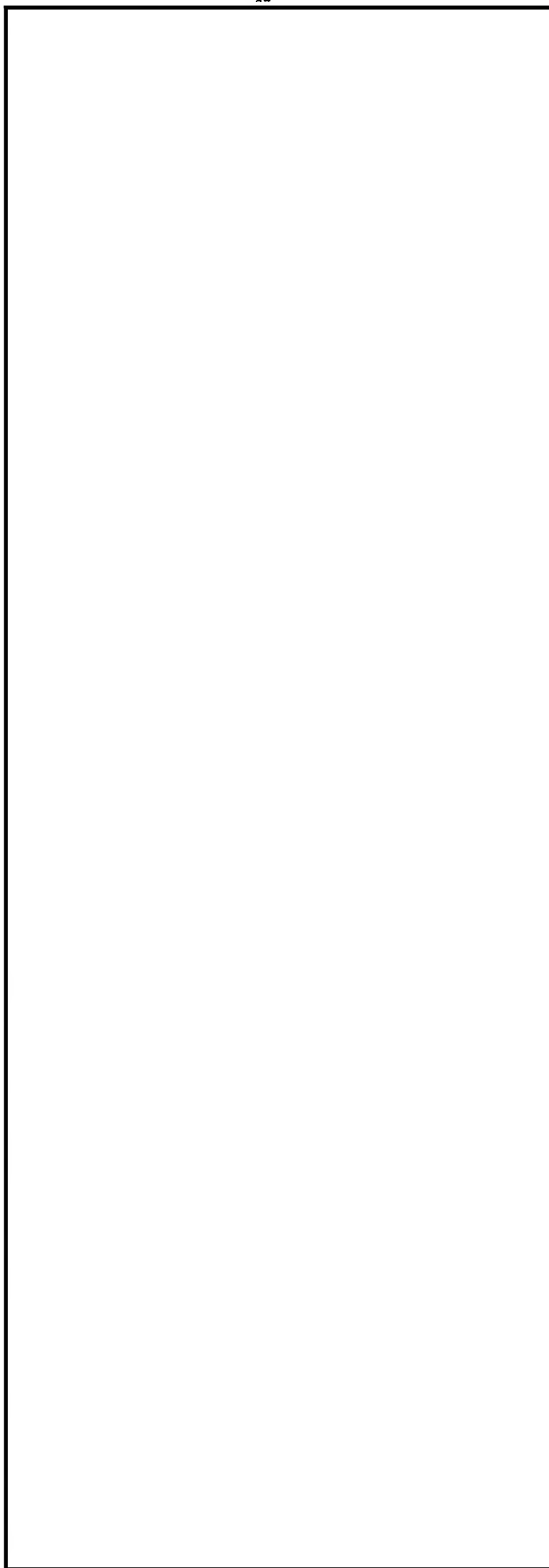
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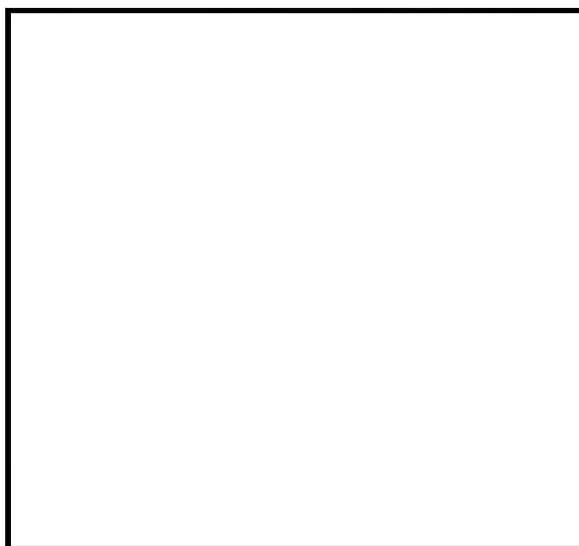
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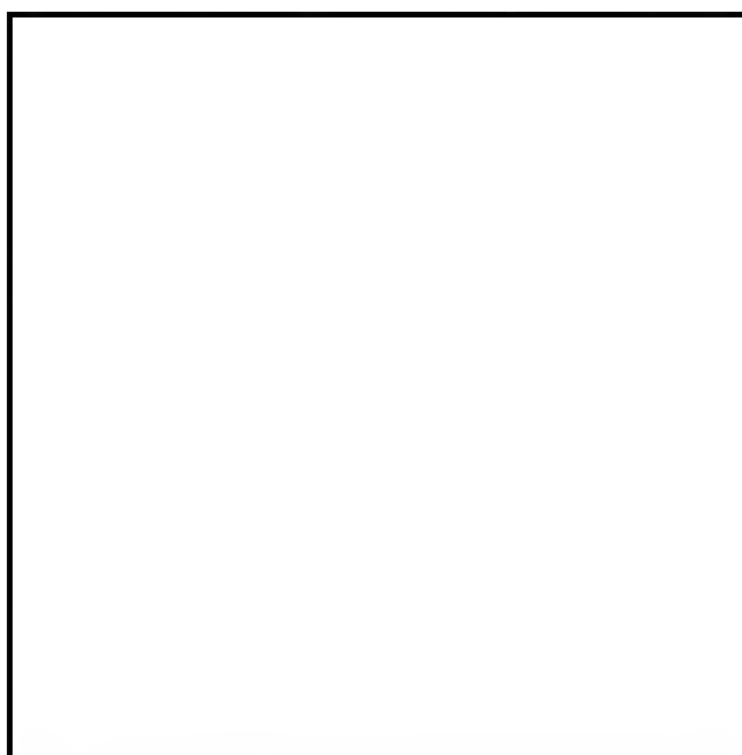
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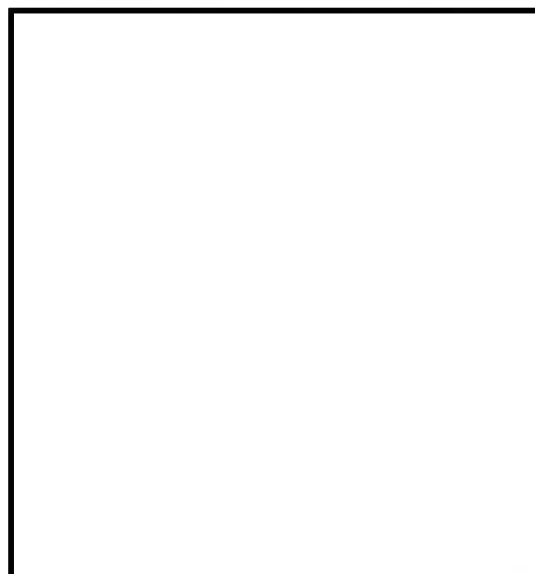
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2401) ✓

DATE: 12/7/73

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6882) ✓

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
CIR - BURGLARY & LARCENY;  
ANTIRIOT LAWS - IMPEDING  
FEDERAL OFFICERS; ASSAULTING  
FEDERAL OFFICERS; CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Enclosed herewith are four copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter, which includes one copy for dissemination to the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

One copy of this LHM has been forwarded to the USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 7, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION -  
BURGLARY AND LARCENY; ANTIRIOT LAWS -  
IMPEDING FEDERAL OFFICERS; ASSAULTING  
FEDERAL OFFICERS; CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

In reference to the prosecutive summary report captioned as above and dated November 22, 1973, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the following additional information is set forth:

The following listed individuals were at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, at various times during the pertinent period and made observations of activities, talked to one or more of the American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders, and/or entered into one or more phases of negotiations with the AIM representatives. Consideration is suggested under Section VI-J of the referenced report.



Charles Ablard, Deputy Attorney General,  
U. S. Department of Justice

Congressman James Abnor (R), South Dakota,  
and aides

Senator James Abourezk (D), South Dakota,  
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Department of Interior

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[REDACTED] Community Relations Service,  
Chicago, Illinois

Horace Webb, Public Information Office,  
United States Department of Justice

Harlington Wood, Deputy Attorney General, United  
States Department of Justice

Aides of Senator Edward Kennedy (D), Massachusetts

Due to the nature of the above listed individuals,  
positions and assignments or presence at Wounded Knee, no  
specific interviews were conducted or FBI reports prepared.

Another source of additional witnesses may be found  
through review of TV news film and newspaper photographs as

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set forth under Section VII of referenced report.

For further consideration under Sections VI-D and H-2 of referenced report, the following witness information of interest was found through review of case entitled:



Crime on Indian Reservation -  
Assault; Kidnaping; Robbery;  
National Firearms Act  
(Bureau file 7-14691)  
(Minneapolis file 70-6846)

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On page three of report dated March 28, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota, described his capture and robbery by Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on March 11, 1973.

On page eight of report dated March 28, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minnesota, describes his capture and robbery by Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on March 11, 1973.

On page 13 of report dated March 28, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Missouri, describes his capture and robbery by Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on March 11, 1973.

On page 18 of report dated March 28, 1973, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minnesota, describes his capture and robbery by Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on March 11, 1973.

On page 25 of report dated March 31, 1973, Patrolman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Pierre, South Dakota, describes the March 27, 1973, apprehension of [REDACTED] and others who had weapons in their possession.

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On page 36 of report dated March 31, 1973, [redacted] South Dakota, explains how he came into possession of a Smith and Wesson revolver, [redacted] which was found in the automobile in which he was riding when arrested by the South Dakota Highway Patrol on March 27, 1973.

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On page 28 of report dated March 31, 1973, FBI Special Agents T. Michael Dillon, [redacted] describes weapons received from Patrolman [redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, on March 27, 1973. These weapons were seized incidental to the arrests described above by Patrolman [redacted]. One of the weapons was a Smith and Wesson, .38 caliber revolver, [redacted]

On page 19 of report dated March 31, 1973, [redacted] (see above) identified the Smith and Wesson revolver, [redacted] as the one taken from him at Wounded Knee on March 11, 1973. Also provides list of items taken from him and other Postal Inspectors at Wounded Knee on March 11, 1973, including a Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum revolver, [redacted] property of [redacted]

In the Stanley Richard Holder case (see page 29 of referenced report), in case report dated June 8, 1973, the results of interview with [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, are found on page 27. [redacted] advised that when Stanley Holder was arrested by BIA Officers on May 4, 1973, he was found in possession of a Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum revolver, [redacted]

For the purposes of subpoena, it should be noted that [redacted] South Dakota.

Clive and Agnes Gildersleeve currently reside at 504 Second Street, Rushville, Nebraska.

[redacted] Kansas.

All of the above witnesses have been mentioned in referenced report.

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392 Federal Building, U.S. Courthouse  
110 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
December 7, 1973

Honorable William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney  
Federal Building  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Re: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
Crime on an Indian Reservation -  
Burglary and Larceny; Antiriot  
Laws - Impeding Federal Officers;  
Assaulting Federal Officers;  
Conspiracy; Unlawful Possession  
of Firearms

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is one copy of a self-explanatory  
letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH H. TRIMBACH  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure One

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ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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BIRMINGHAM (157-5068)

DENVER (157-529)

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FROM: OMAHA (100-8746) (P)

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WAS INVITED TO ATLANTA BY [REDACTED]

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RE OMAHA NITEL 12/11/73.

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ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED, AS DISCLOSURE  
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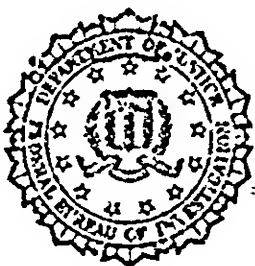
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
December 12, 1973

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EXTREMIST MATTERS -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Unless otherwise stated, all sources mentioned in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source advised on November 9, 1973, that captioned individual, American Indian Movement leader, arrived in Los Angeles, California, November 9, 1973, and taped a television interview for the television show entitled, "Impacto" to be aired November 24, 1973.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

The following is a transcript of the television show, "Impacto" in which captioned individual and Randy Edmonds, Director of the Indian Center, Inc., were the main guests:

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ANNOUNCER: That storm brings destruction and death but it also brings rain to grow the grass for new life, for there is good in everything. The center of the storm, called Wounded Knee, is RUSSELL MEANS. RUSSELL MEANS, welcome to "Impacto". VERNON BELLECOURT, AIM leader, said, "If AIM fails to get Federal action to improve life for American Indians, AIM will become the uninvited guest to America's 200th birthday celebration and blow out the candles".

RANDY EDMONDS, Director of the Indian Center, welcome to "Impacto".

RANDY EDMONDS: Thank you.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. MEANS, what is, what is the significance of Wounded Knee?

RUSSELL MEANS: The significance of Wounded Knee was before, during, and after our treaty rights, you know, the uh the United States Government and even the press foul--fouled to that whole rap that it was Indian fighting Indian. That's not the case. That's incidental to our treaty rights. The 1868 Sioux Treaty is what Wounded Knee was all about and is still today; because, of course, I'm going to court over it,

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and uh, so is DENNIS BANKS and and the other four so-called leaders of Wounded Knee and over 300 other defendants are going to court to prove that our treaty rights are more important than our own lives.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, one of the things that surprises a lot of us in the movement, and in the Chicano movement, and in the ethnic movement, is that most minority groups in America, today, are on a civil disobedience uh approach to--to problems and to their resolution, but AIM is going for confrontations....

RUSSELL MEANS: I don't, I don't go for that...crap about civil disobedience because all AIM is trying to do is force the United States of America to live up to its own laws--that's all--it's that simple. They made treaties with us, either--they either live up to those treaties or we'll die fighting for those treaty rights. And that's all AIM says. United States of America, you live up to your uh....your own laws.

ANNOUNCER: But RUSSELL, isn't it, sort of, unrealistic to say that the Oglala Nation is an independent nation within America?

RUSSELL MEANS: Why? After we gave you the Western Hemisphere...

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but not you, my friend, (announcer laughs) but uh, you know, White America...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: We gave them the Western Hemisphere and and they still won't leave us alone. They still have genocidal policies to get rid of American Indian people, through missionary schools, through BIA boarding schools, through-- the whole spectrum of Indian Affairs is a genocidal policy. Now our water rights, our mineral rights--right now, the United States of America is concerted, a concerted effort to rip off our coal, strip mine our reservations, and build oil pipelines from Alaska, over Indian land, over native land, down into the United--to fuel Los Angeles, and Phoenix, and all those over rip off, smog, pollution areas.

ANNOUNCER: RANDY EDMONDS, you're the director of the LA Indian Center, what's the reaction of the American Indian community in Los Angeles to AIM?

RANDY EDMONDS: Well, I think a lot of the uh people there involved in, probably the thinking of American Indians trying to get response from the Federal Government uh, somewhat, back AIM to the point that in order to get the Federal Government to respond, there has to be a confrontation uh where that

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uh the Federal Government rec--will recognize American Indians. I think AIM has come ab--about uh in creating--creating this situation through the Wounded Knee thing but uh a lot of the people that live in Los Angeles area are probably working-class Indians and uh really can't afford, I think at this point--to get involved in these kinds of uh situations, as far as local kinds of things that are going on. Uh we do have a chapter here but uh uh uh their thinking is in in line with the American Indian Movement. As far as I'm concerned, I I uh I kind uh I guess uh uh concentrate on trying to I guess, knock on the door and say, "Hey, may I come in?"....

ANNOUNCER: And what does AIM do?

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh RUSSELL MEANS, I guess, kind of knocks the door down and then goes on in and knock--and negotiates...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh...

ANNOUNCER: Well you've been quoted as saying that the difference between your tactics and and AIM is that you still believe on knocking on doors and uh AIM uh knocks doors down. What do you think about that RANDY?

RANDY EDMONDS: RUSS--you're talking to RUSS or...



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ANNOUNCER: No, I'm talking to you.

RANDY EDMONDS: Okay. (Announcer laughs). Uh well, I think, you know, that, I've I've lived in urban area for about 20 years now, and I've lived, I guess within a community, uh through the past 20 years and we've developed a lot of organizations, a lot of Indian activities for the American Indians in Los Angeles, and I think if we're going to have live uh in the system that has been created for us, we're going to have to, I guess, play the ballgame as it is played...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh I have been recently appointed the Human Relations Commissioner for Mayor BRADLEY of Los Angeles and uh, in order to, I guess, work with all ethnic groups, uh we have to, I guess, have this kind of philosophy. Uh, I try to do the kinds of things that I need to do to help our people in the Indian community in Los Angeles, by going through these kinds of uh systems and hopefully uh uh, we'll meet, I guess, as the AIM people and the the kind of conservative people that more or less I represent will meet in the same, I guess, uh road, in the middle of the road, as we go down and looking for the same kinds of response from the Federal Government, or whether it be state, city, or or whatever.

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ANNOUNCER: One of the defendants uh--and there are seven major defendants that were indicted at Wounded....

✓RUSSELL MEANS: Six now, PETE, PEDRO BISSONETTE was assassinated by the BIA pigs.

ANNOUNCER: I'm leading to that. PEDRO BISSONETTE was killed on October 17th of this year. And you've charged that he was assassinated by Agents of the Federal Government. Would you care to amplify that charge?

RUSSELL MEANS: You bet, you see, we have a history of assassinations. You know, the United States of America is a master and divider conquerer. They ripped off our whole leadership, during the 1700 and the 1800, and managed to put in their wedge and divide and conquerer. And they did it again with the Black Panthers. They created a climate of uh public relations that got the public standing back, "Wait a minute, who's the Black Panthers?", and when they got that reaction from the public, they--the the Feds went in and assassinated, through local Government, the leadership of the Black Panther Party. And they're doing the same thing to the American Indian Movement now. They are attempting to discredit us in the public eye and at the same time, assassinate our leadership.

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ANNOUNCER: Has been there been an investigation into the uh death of uh PEDRO BISSONETTE?

RUSSELL MEANS: Naturally not. If the "Feds" going to kill you, they're not going to investigate it.

ANNOUNCER: Tell me something, RUSSELL, what is life like in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation? What what kind of aspiration do young people have--on the reservation? What are the conditions?

RUSSELL MEANS: I can not tell to people that do not know what it is like to live under tyranny, absolute tyranny, whereas, as uh as an Indian male, you have expression of your vir--your virality, your--your manhood...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: You absolutely have no vehicle for expression of your manhood and what--the only escape that is allowed to you is to either sellout and become a fac--two-bit facsimile white man or else, become a uh schizo (ph) bum, commit suicide, whatever.

ANNOUNCER: How many Indians are there in America?

RUSSELL MEANS: According to the 1970 Census, there are approximately uh 825,000 native Americans.

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ANNOUNCER: So you compare that to about 15,000,000 Spanish surnamed Americans and what, 25 to 30,000,000 blacks, and you really are America's uh smallest minority then...

RUSSELL MEANS: And the most dep--deprived, the most tyrannized, the most oppressed. If by any scale a measurement, and you know, the facts are there...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: in Washington, D.C.

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm. You said that the policy of the Government, I presume you're referring to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is that a policy of conquer and divide, and uh the reason I mention that is, Mr. DICK WILSON, he's the travel president of the Oglala Sioux and I understand that you're a candidate uh to replace him....

RUSSELL MEANS: That's providing the Bureau of Indian Affairs will let me run in the presidential election of the Oglala Sioux Tribe...

ANNOUNCER: Why shouldn't they?

RUSSELL MEANS: (Laughs)....

ANNOUNCER: Are you under indictment?

RUSSELL MEANS: At Wounded Knee we have three or five square miles to protect of the independent Oglala nation, Pine Ridge

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Reservation entails 250 square miles...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

✓ RUSSELL MEANS: If I become president, I am not going to take the oath of office that pledges my support to the United States of America because I want nothing to do with the United States of America. However, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the power over Indians on the reservation that are under the Indian Organization Act to say uh, you're a non--a non person--you can't function as a human being, so we take over your affairs. So they they they can say that to me and and and and declare me ineligible for uh the election of the travel presidency.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, Wounded Knee, to most Americans, and I would venture to say, 90 percent of Americans would say Wounded Knee was a confrontation in the Spring of 1972, but there was a Wounded Knee in 1890--what happened then?

RUSSELL MEANS: The same thing they tried to happen again in 1973, disarm us and then massacre us. As simple....

ANNOUNCER: Is that what happened in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: It's as simple as that. Yes.

ANNOUNCER: What was the story at Wounded Knee in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well, you want the white man's story, or the

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Oglala story, or the Menicoshi (phonetic) story?

ANNOUNCER: We want the Oglala story?

RUSSELL MEANS: Alright, it is the Menicoshi's (ph) that came down from uh North and South Dakota to seek refuge among the Oglala people, and there were Oglala people among the Menicoshi (ph) band that came into Wounded Knee in 1890-- they came down there and surrendered, BIG FOOT, Chief BIG FOOT and his band. It was winter time, December 27, 28th, and they had disarmed the Indian people and then they said one Indian fired a shot, he had hid--hidden a gun, so they massacred 237....

ANNOUNCER: Who did?

RUSSELL MEANS: Men, women, and children. The Seventh Cavalry of the United States of America...the epitome of democracy in this world.

ANNOUNCER: Is the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973 in the response for the Government similar, analogous to what happened in 1890?

RUSSELL MEANS: You would be surprised because in 1890 the Ghost Dance religion had had wide spread influence among the plain's tribes. We did the Ghost Dance inside Wounded Knee.

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ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh the whole spectrum of the events of Wounded Knee was almost parallel with what happened in 1890, only the fact we didn't give up our arms, therefore, we weren't massacred.

ANNOUNCER: But you did give up your arms in 1973, didn't you?

RUSSELL MEANS: After forcing the United States of Gov--United States of America to agree to our demands. However, you know, naturally, it went the same route as all the treaties. They didn't keep up the...

ANNOUNCER: What were those demands that you made in 1973, in the spring of this year?

RUSSELL MEANS: There were six major points, that the Justice Department, or the Injustice Department, as I see it, the Injustice Department stated they would do a comprehensive investigation of criminal activities, and the police brutality on their Indian reservation, on Pine Ridge, where I'm from. Uh another demand was that a complete audit, an honest audit, not only of the tribal government, the "puppet" tribal government of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but also the Bureau of Indian Affairs would take place...

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ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: again and that every civil rights complaint given, and there was over a hundred given, would be investigated by the Injustice Department...none--all of those, over a hundred complaints have been dismissed by the Injustice Department. They have not lived up to one of the stipulations. Another stipulation was that as soon as we evacuated Wounded Knee, the members, the citizens of the independent Oglala nation is that immediately the original residents, those that were outside, would be allowed back in but they delie--delayed that that happening for 24 hours, so the "Feds" could come in there and shoot up the churches and and desecrate Indian homes and even defecate on the floors and charge us with that.

ANNOUNCER: RANDY EDMONDS you have been a resident of Los Angeles for over 25 years, what has been the respond of the traditional Indian community to the uh AIM activity and AIM aims of tactics?

RANDY EDMONDS: I think the uh probably the traditional Indians that uh have probably lived on the reservations, and uh points of origination of concentration of Indians...I do believe that possibly this may be the system that uh is needed to make the Federal Government respond. There are several ways



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that you know you make the Federal Government respond or any government, as far as that is concerned and I think probably the old traditional people that have been involved in trying to make the Federal Government respond uh believe that maybe this is the way. Uh you bump your head against the wall so long that uh eventually you take other measures and uh the people that come from uh the reservation areas uh, you know, I think, believe this way. I think the younger generation has uh I guess begin to feel that the ball game is out here and we have to kind of play that ball game.

ANNOUNCER: Can you can you described for the audience uh the Indian community of Los Angeles, where do they live, what do they do?

RANDY EDMONDS: Well the Indian, there is no one Indian community in Los Angeles uh they're fragmented and this was, I guess, devised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs relocation program and this was brought about by the re-uh the vocational training program that was established by Bureau of Indian Affairs. I guess uh the, probably, the one area that you would consider a community or a concentration of Indians would be in the uh Bell Gardens, uh South Gate, Huntington Park areas....

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ANNOUNCER: How many Indians are there?

RANDY EDMONDS: Uh...

ANNOUNCER: In in Los Angeles or the Metropolitan area?

RANDY EDMONDS: Well the Los Angeles county there're about 60,000 Indians. The Bureau of Indian Affairs census says there's about 25,000 Indians, and those are the people that uh they have brought out since 1952 since the relocation program was established.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, Wounded Knee was something that was on the front page for just about three months in every major newspaper in America, and perhaps other, other nations in the world. What was the response of the Chicano community to Wounded Knee?

RUSSELL MEANS: Fantastic. Uh the biggest support we got outside of the Indian people, was from the Chicano community.

ANNOUNCER: What kind of support did you get?

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh physical, supplies, supplies, and uh money, and and in terms of demonstrations in their own cities--it was fantastic.

ANNOUNCER: Were there any Chicanos uh at Wounded Knee?

RUSSELL MEANS: Over uh 100 Chicano people passed through Wounded Knee. There was a hardcore of about 17 that stayed

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throughout...Uh the seize at Wounded Knee. And uh when we, when we uh issued citizenship cards to the independent Oglala nation, the uh the Chicanos and the Indian people were issued the same type of citizenship card...

ANNOUNCER: As members of the Oglala nation?

RUSSELL MEANS: As members of the Oglala nation.

ANNOUNCER: I understand that you even went as far as to as to stamp passports of people coming to uh....

RUSSELL MEANS: Yes we uh uh stamped passports of some of the Brittish Press, the uh West German Press, and uh the uh French, Italian, Scandinavian countries, their press that came into Wounded Knee, we stamped their passports, ION, Independent Oglala Nation.

ANNOUNCER: Your under indictment, Federal indictment, and if you're convicted you could serve up to 200 years in prison...

RUSSELL MEANS: 180...

ANNOUNCER: 180 years. Will there be more Wounded Knees?

✓RUSSELL MEANS: You see, the American Indian Movement, we do not have a strategy that plans, (quote unquote) you know, "actions". What we do is respond to Indian people. American Indian Movement has never gone any place that is un--not invited to. When Indian people have the feel that uh deprivation of their rights have been ostracized and and

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bent out of shape and and and disregarded and and they call American Indian Movement for assistance, we respond. And if there is going to another Wounded Knee, there there better not be because the next Wounded Knee would--is going to be completely larger, because the Chicanos are with us, the Blacks are with us, and a lot of white people are with us.

ANNOUNCER: Now one of the things that disappointed uh me and disappointed many Chicanos was the fact that Senator MC GOVERN was supposed to be the champion of minority rights and of course there were press reports that Senator MC GOVERN had referred to you as a "rip off artist". What's your response to that?

RUSSELL MEANS: Well if I'm a rip off artist, 180 years in a Federal penitentiary uh in my in in my estimation is is you know, I should quit being a rip off artist.

ANNOUNCER: It's too expensive.

RUSSELL MEANS: You (unintelligible). With my uh, you know, with my life at stake and and uh you know, it's not mine, you know, there's there's over 300 defendants facing Federal prison terms.

ANNOUNCER: You know, one of the things that uh perhaps is critical is that everyone thinks that Wounded Knee is over,

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it's not. Now, according to your attorney, MARK LANE, you're going to have a critical battle, a constitutional battle, and uh there're six major defendants and you're going to be tried early this coming year in the, in the Spring of 1974. What's the nature of your legal defense? What are the issues...

RUSSELL MEANS: Of the over 300 defendants that uh are presently facing Federal prosecution because of Wounded Knee, the first two that are going to trial are DENNIS BANKS and myself. We are scheduled for trial January 8th in St. Paul, Minnesota.

ANNOUNCER: Is that Federal court?

RUSSELL MEANS: Federal court.

ANNOUNCER: Do you face any state indictments at all?

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh yes, but these stemmed from the Custard incident of February 6th and uh sundry other incidents, when Indian people are fighting for their rights. You see, you have to understand, the State of South Dakota has has has uh uh such uh frontier mentality that it makes a JOHN BIRCH society and the Klu Klux Klan look like girls scouts. And uh the the fact that we we're going--now, you know, everybody's got to understand this in America, they've got to understand that. We are basing our defense in in the trials over Wounded Knee

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on our treaties. If we are, by some remote chance, proved guilty, then that is saying the United States of America is saying that Indians do not have treaty rights...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: Senator SAM IRVING...stated to congress and he's the acknowledged constitutional expert of the senate. He stated that that treaties made by this country and ratified by congress, which our treaty is, is on par and equal to the constitution of the United States of America, and those treat-- and the law of the land is the constitution; therefore, those treaties supersede Federal state and local laws. Now, if they prove us guilty, they're saying Indian people to do not have treaty rights, They're also saying that everybody else doesn't have constitutional rights.

ANNOUNCER: Yeah, one of the things that interest me is uh the Wounded Knee Legal Offense Defense Committee. Can you give us the address of the committee?

RUSSELL MEANS: The Wounded Knee Legal Defense Offense Committee is presently headquartered in Rapid City, South Dakota, Box 991, Rapid City, South Dakota.

ANNOUNCER: What kind of assistance do you need?

RUSSELL MEANS: Financial

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✓RUSSELL MEANS: We have expended over \$120,000 already, trying to bring up a legal defense for over 300 defendants. We estimate before it's all over we need another 1.2 million dollars, and that's Box 991, Rapid City, South Dakota.

ANNOUNCER: When do the other cases come up. I know the the major cases, yours and DENNIS BANKS is in January, but are the others going to be consolidated or....

RUSSELL MEANS: No, they've uh they've thrown two judges at us, and uh the ones that are nonconspiracy cases, other than the six major defendants...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: the other uh 300 or so defendants that are nonconspiracy cases are going to be trialed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by another judge...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: beginning in January.

ANNOUNCER: You know we have on the set uh and "Impacto" is primarily a Chicano - Hispano program but we have on the set a a Cachina (ph) doll and uh maybe you could tell the significance uh to the viewers of the of the Cachina (ph) doll.

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RUSSELL MEANS: I don't only only want to speak about the Cachina (ph) doll because a Cachina (ph) is a Hopi and this is my interpretation...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: It's a Hopi symbol of a messenger to the Great Mystery th-and that's the buffalo Cachina (ph)...

ANNOUNCER: It has a buffalo head, what's the significance of that?

RUSSELL MEANS: Uh I'm not a Hopi and and you know I I can not tell you the the express everything on that Cachina (ph) means something spiritually.

ANNOUNCER: Well what is the buffalo and and uh feathers, what does that to to Indians as well....

RUSSELL MEANS: Like like I wanted to relate that buffalo Cachina (ph) you know, is like this uh shield here, this war shield, it's a buffalo hide war shield with the eagle feathers. The buffalo, among the Lacota, which I am, the white man call us Sioux--uh I'm Lacota. The buffalo is the chief of all four leggeds and the eagle is the chief of all things that fly...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RUSSELL MEANS: And uh they're holy and sacred and and and those



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eagle feathers are part and partial of prayer feathers--really uh or--you know, they have that symbolism...

ANNOUNCER: Uh huh

RUSSELL MEANS: And and they have power, spiritual power, as well as that buffalo hide and this why that is the strongest medicine right there and I know, you know, the non-Indians might look at us as primitive but that's the strongest medicine you can carry into battle right there.

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL, do you fear--do you fear for your life because of what you've done? Do you receive threat....

RUSSELL MEANS: You have to understand uh you see, I've, I've been involved in the sacred sun dance of the Lacota and uh, you know, most prairie Indians, most plains' Indians have the sun dance, in fact all of them that I know of, uh have been involved in the sacred sun dance. When you take the sun dance vow, it goes for four years. I've one more year, next August I go into my last sun dance. I've no fear for my life until after I get through that sun dance, then I'm confident that the Federal government will uh off (ph) me...

ANNOUNCER: Have you received any threats...?

RUSSELL MEANS: Oh I receive them everyday, through the mail, on the telephone...

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ANNOUNCER: RANDY, there's a local AIM committee, where can one reach them?

RANDY EDMONDS: They have an office uh at uh my center, uh the Los Angeles Indian Center and uh they can be reached at the Indian Center or they can contact uh we have a uh entering person there that can refer them to a uh uh one of the coordinators of the AIM movement...

ANNOUNCER: And you're listed in the in the white pages under the LA Indian Center?

RANDY EDMONDS: Los Angeles, well, it's the Indian Center Incorporated...

ANNOUNCER: mmm hmm

RANDY EDMONDS: it's 600 South New Hampshire, 382--what is it? 386-6262, I forgot my phone number

ANNOUNCER: Gentlemen I want to thank you very much. I know RUSSELL that your schedule is very hectic and we, here at "Impacto" uh really appreciate having you on the program and uh so the Chicano community and all of our (tape skips) about Wounded Knee and the critical issues at stake, especially with the Legal uh Offense Defense Committee--on behalf of our production....

RUSSELL MEANS: I would like to say one thing and leave the viewers with this question of what Chief SEATTLE (ph)

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said, after he surrendered to the white government, "Nation, follows nation, and tribe follows tribe, it is like the waves of the sea, it is the order of nature and regret is useless. Your time of decay may be distant but it will surely come, for even the white man's God, who walked and talked with him, could not escape the common destiny. We may be brothers after all, we shall see.

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

On November 12, 1973, source advised Means had departed Los Angeles, California, for Rapid City, California.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-8701)(P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum to Bureau captioned, "California American Indian Movement, 11/10-12/73, Simi Valley, California, EM - AIM," 11/30/73, and Los Angeles letter to Bureau captioned, "RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, EM - AIM," 11/20/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting subject's appearance on KNBC's television program entitled, "IMPACTO." Also enclosed for Minneapolis are two copies of the same LHM as Minneapolis is origin.

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SA DONALD G. WILEY

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

On 12/7/73, ROL KERACH, Director, Division of Criminal Investigation, Pierre, South Dakota, advised he had received this date information from USM [REDACTED] Sioux Falls, South Dakota that DENNIS BANKS was just deported from Mexico and was to arrive in Los Angeles, California 4:10 PM 12/7/73.

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KERACH stated [REDACTED] mentioned the above during the course of other business KERACH and [REDACTED] were discussing. KERACH stated he has no other information concerning the above.

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